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INTRODUCTION

As everyone knows the Bishop of Durham, during the Middle Ages, ruled over the Palatinate of Durham with almost royal power. His authority was perhaps at its highest in the fourteenth century. As a bishop he, of course, fulfilled all episcopal duties, and as head of the civil government he appointed all the civil officials as well. He could delegate his functions, could make grants of lands, and could create franchises and corporations. He claimed the right to all lands within his jurisdiction forfeited by traitors. The Kings occasionally resented this and Elizabeth finally abolished the right. The Bishop had admiralty jurisdiction and with what forces he could raise he maintained "the Bishop's peace" within his dominions. The Act of Resumption in 1536 declared that in future it should be "the King's peace", and vested in the King the right of granting pardons hitherto exercised by the Bishop.

The Bishop of Durham had a Council, a limited body of advisers consisting at first of the great officers of the household and the Palatinate, a number of feudal tenants-in-chief, and perhaps a few others of lesser importance. In the thirteenth century there was a more permanent class of councillors, largely clerics and lawyers rather than the great men, and this body decreased in numbers, and was a kind of Council of State in a rudimentary form. Spearman, writing at the end of the seventeenth century, said that "the Bishop of Durham anciently had a council, in the nature of a parliament, consisting of divers barons—before whom appeals from the bishop's chancery and writs of error from his court of pleas were brought and determined, and money or aids given for the defence of the kingdom or of the bishop's liberties". This assembly may have been a definitely legally constituted assembly or it may have been that the Bishop, from time to time, gathered for consultation on palatinate affairs a loosely constituted assembly of persons summoned at his will for the purpose in hand. There was a palatinate judiciary in the early Middle Ages and by the end of the thirteenth century

the Bishop is found to possess his own temporal chancery, which is now a law court to which some cases now come instead of to the Council, such cases, for instance, as those in which a remedy was required against the Bishop. The Chancery acquires by the fifteenth century some evidence of an equitable jurisdiction—it was reorganized by Cardinal Wolsey in 1523 and it was not till the sixteenth century that it became essentially a court of equity.

There was also a Court of Exchequer, but not completely distinct from Chancery. Spearman wrote in 1697: "The Court of Chancery of this County Palatine was anciently, and still is, a Court of Exchequer for the Bishop's revenue, to determine matters between him and his tenants." The same persons sat in each court held in the same place.

The ordinary diocesan courts still remained, but the existence of the palatine authority of the Bishop, as distinct from his ordinary ecclesiastical jurisdiction, brought about curious results. Thus, in the middle of the fourteenth century, an order was made to distrain a sum of money on the goods of a person on account of a judgment obtained against him in the Bishop's temporal courts, and the Bishop of Durham informed the Bishop of Durham that if he did not perform what was enjoined him, the matter would be taken seriously, *graviter ad vos capiemus*. Henry VIII greatly reduced the palatinate powers of the Bishop of Durham. The Act of Parliament said that it was a resumption of liberties and franchises hitherto taken from the Crown. The present officials were to retain their powers and duties but henceforth in the name of the King, and all legal processes were to run in the name of the King and not of the Bishop. The King was also to receive all fines and amercements levied on the judicial officials for laxity in the performance of their duties. The Bishop and his Temporal Chancellor were to be Justices of the Peace for the Palatinate.

During the civil wars and under the Commonwealth, of course, the whole palatine system was shattered. In 1646 it was formally abolished and the lands of the see were put into the hands of trustees. Bishop Morton had gone. No one could say that he had been a hard ruler. When leases had to be renewed he referred them to a body of local gentry to make a moderate compensation between him and the tenants. Wardships were managed with great modera-

tion as to profits, and in cases of wreck under his Admiralty jurisdiction he only demanded a small sum, just to preserve his rights. In 1647 the body of Trustees above mentioned received orders to confer with the judges "as to how and in what manner Fines and Common Recoveries and other assurances, and also the Common Justice of the kingdom may be dispensed and carried on". Nothing was done for some time. In 1648 Wastall, one of the trustees of the bishopric, was sent to Durham under a commission of gaol delivery. A petition was sent in by a committee of the county asking for regulation of such matters, and indeed the whole judicial system of the region was in what seemed hopeless confusion. In 1649 Parliament ordered Thorpe, one of the barons of the Exchequer on circuit, to confer with the Trustees of the bishopric and the gentlemen of the county and to prepare a scheme for introducing into the palatinate a similar scheme for judicial affairs to that in the neighbouring counties. This committee reported and an Act of Parliament dealing with the matter was passed that year.

On April 30th, 1649, all cathedral chapters in England and Wales were dissolved. In Durham every ecclesiastical official was turned out and the castle and cathedral began to go to ruin. During the time that the Scots army had been quartered on the north large sums had been extracted from the people of Durham, and though an Act of Parliament had guaranteed repayment nothing had been paid.

In 1650 a petition was sent from the county asking for a continuance of the local courts, but Parliament disapproved. There was another Act of Parliament in 1651, but an Act of 1654 put Durham practically in the same position, as regards judicial affairs, as under the Westminster Parliament. At the Restoration, however, all the Commonwealth legislation was swept away and Bishop Cosin was able to exercise all the judicial rights and privileges of his predecessors. In view of his loss of revenue by the abolition of feudal tenures at the beginning of the reign of Charles II, he received as compensation a yearly debt of £880 hitherto due to the Crown.

The Act for taking away the Court of Wards and Liveries did not affect the Bishop in one way, because there is no evidence that he ever had a Court of Wards, but his rights as to wardships probably brought him in a fair income. Though a little beyond the scope of

this Introduction it is worth noting that when, in the reign of James II, it was proposed to abolish the palatinate jurisdiction, two petitions appeared in reply, one protesting that the people of Durham were provided with good and speedy justice without the necessity of going to Westminister, while the other, from the tradesmen of Durham, expressed their fear of the consequent loss of business if so many suitors had to spend money in Westminster instead of in Durham.

The Council of the North, set up in 1539, diminished the powers of the Bishop. It took its sanction from the authority of the Privy Council. It was authorized to deal with illegal and dangerous assemblies, to hear and determine all real actions and cases for debt. The Council sat at times in Durham itself and in the administration of the law the palatinate declined in power and repute. The lower courts continued to deal with lesser matters but in spite of protests from Durham against the encroachments of the Council of the North they were of no avail. The Long Parliament abolished the Council, but the palatinate gained little by this.

The Bishop of Durham had certain rights of taxation. When, in 1376, the Archbishop of York, at the request of the Pope, proposed to levy money within the diocese he was forbidden by Edward III, who said that such a proceeding was unheard of because the Bishop of Durham was earl palatine and by royal authority had temporal jurisdiction over all his subjects and he and his predecessors had always exercised such jurisdiction by their own officers. There were limitations to this power of the Bishop, but he had undoubtedly a limited right of taxation and a right to certain dues or tolls and forfeitures. He also received a certain revenue from the municipal corporations and certain moneys from the industrial corporations.

Another power the Bishop possessed after the sixteenth century was that of Lord-Lieutenant. In 1663 there was much discontent and plotting on the part of many of the old Cromwellian officers and soldiers. It was hopelessly muddled and came to nothing. In the Bishopric during this troubled year, Bishop Cosin's powers as Lord-Lieutenant were fully exercised; the trained bands were called up from the various centres and the gentry came out with their armed followers. If not much else happened it showed the Bishop still had some power over the armed forces of the diocese.

During the Tudor period the counties of Durham and Northum-

berland were exempt from royal taxation on the ground of their liability to the ravages of the Scots. In the seventeenth century we find Durham paying its share of the taxes of the realm, including Ship Money. Though the Bishops protested the sheriffs of Durham were made to account in the royal Exchequer. When Durham had parliamentary representation all disputes as to the King's right to tax the palatinate came to an end, though at the Restoration the sheriffs were released from appearing at Westminster. Similarly, when King Charles, in 1638, sent Sir Thomas Morton to execute the orders of the Council for mustering the trained bands it was a very definite encroachment on the Bishop's military authority. Of course, the election of members of Parliament for the city and for the county of Durham did more than anything else to weaken the Bishop's palatine authority. The Bishop and others resisted, but at last, in 1675, there was the first election for Parliament held in the county (excluding three elections during the Commonwealth) and the first election for the city took place in March 1678. All this meant a great loss of prestige both to the Bishop and the palatinate.

What powers were still left to the Bishop in the seventeenth century apart from his ecclesiastical powers? He appointed many of the officials by patent, e.g. the sheriff, under-sheriff, the protonotary, or clerk of the civil pleas and assizes, the clerk of the peace, the cursitor, or clerk of the Latin Chancery, and a number of others. He was Custos Rotulorum. He had a Court of Chancery and a Court of Pleas. Owing to the existence of the latter, fines and recoveries in the Common Pleas at Westminster, dealing with lands within his jurisdiction, were null and void. He received composition money on fines, levies and recoveries in his Court of Common Pleas, and on all original writs issued out of his courts when the debt or damages exceeded £40. Forfeited recognizances, fines and amercements, escheats, deodands and treasure trove fell to him and he had certain rights with regard to fines and amercements within the trade gilds. [Cox, *Magna Britannica,* 1720.] The Bishop could appoint commissions out of his Chancery to enquire into the estates of idiots and lunatics within his jurisdiction. He had Admiralty jurisdiction and the profits of it, in wrecks, duties of ships, anchorage, moorage and so on.

The Bishops of Durham had rights over certain boroughs and

could grant charters of incorporation, which they had done more than once in the case of the city of Durham. Bishop de Puiset, in 1179, granted the first of these charters which was confirmed by a Bull of Alexander III. On the 30th January, 1565, Bishop Pilkington gave a new charter to the city. In 1602 Bishop Matthew gave a charter[1] under which the city was ruled for the whole of the seventeenth century. The burgesses and inhabitants of Durham and Framwellgate should form one body corporate, consisting of a Mayor, twelve Aldermen and twenty-four of the Commonalty of the city of Durham and Framwellgate, and by that title to implead and be impleaded in the courts of law within the county, and to have powers to purchase lands not exceeding the yearly value of 100 marks and to have a common seal. Hugh Wright was to be the first Mayor till 4th October and then to be an Alderman for life. There were to be chosen yearly out of the twelve arts, mysteries and trades, twenty-four men to be Councillors. On October 4th in each year the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty should choose the Mayor for the year following. The new Mayor must be sworn before the Bishop or his Chancellor or, failing them, before the Aldermen and Councillors. On the death of a common council man the Mayor and Aldermen must nominate a man from the same trade, and on the death of an Alderman one from the burgesses. This corporate body was to have authority over the city markets and fairs, all officers, mysteries, artificers and inhabitants and to regulate the several trades and mysteries. All the old sources of revenue, courts, fairs, markets, tolls, perquisites, customs and so forth, possessed by the city in time past, were decreed to the new governing body.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty had the right to hold their court within the city to hear and determine all actions, suits, quarrels and demands; their sergeants had power to serve process, to enter upon the possessions of the parties to satisfy the executions or judgments against them. The body corporate might take cognizance of all pleas with the same authority as held by other courts in the palatine county of Durham. They had power to make laws and ordinances, but it was expressly provided that these should not be repugnant to the Statutes of the Realm. Though there was no real necessity for such confirmation, this charter was confirmed

[1] Given in full in Hutchinson, *Durham* II, p. 29.

by letters patent from the Crown in 1606. It is possible, of course, that the Bishop hoped thus to have an official confirmation of his own powers. There were still questions which would be matters of dispute in the near future. Meanwhile the Bishop was insisting on tolls and dues on goods entering and leaving the city and he also appointed a bailiff and a clerk of the markets. This was Bishop Matthews.

In choosing the members of the twenty-four, the Bishop prescribed that two should be taken from each of the following groups. It will be noticed that some of the trades had amalgamated. All those chosen were to be inhabitants of Durham and Framwellgate.

1. Mercers, grocers, haberdashers, ironmongers and salters;
2. drapers and taylors;
3. skinners and glovers;
4. tanners;
5. weavers;
6. dyers and fullers;
7. cordwainers;
8. saddlers;
9. butchers;
10. smiths;
11. carpenters and joiners;
12. freemasons and rough masons.

The charter also stated that the majority of Aldermen and Councillors could deprive a Mayor of his office. On the death of a Mayor another must be elected within eleven days and sworn in within three days of the election. A Mayor or Alderman refusing office was to be fined up to £20 in goods and chattels and might even be imprisoned till the money was paid. The fines were "for the benefit of the city". In spite of the foregoing rule a number of people refused the office of Mayor. Weakness and infirmity in the case of John Heighington was not taken as an excuse. Fines ranging from £5 to £20 were imposed in three other cases of refusal. Hugh Wright, in 1608, was elected Mayor and refused for what was admitted an excellent reason. Various suggestions were made about fining him; and at last they settled that he should be mulcted of sixteen shillings.

The power of the Corporation of Durham lay largely with the gilds. These companies had been incorporated to ensure the security of the various trades from unfair competition, the provision of assistance for members in trouble or difficulty, the regulation of apprenticeship, the production of good honest work by the members. In parliamentary elections only freemen could vote—such as had served their apprenticeship satisfactorily and had been admitted freemen by their own gild. In another direction the gilds depended to some extent on the Bishop. It was by his authority that a new gild was incorporated, and half the fines levied were paid to him, except under the Commonwealth, when they went to the Mayor. All new statutes and orders had to be submitted for his approval.

A good deal of new legislation is recorded in this manuscript, and naturally. The effective working of the new charter was bound to give rise to disputes and difficulties at first. Hence, for instance, we have the trouble with Bishop James. During the Middle Ages the chief person under the Bishop was the bailiff—about the tenth year of Queen Elizabeth, however, the bailiff assigned his office to certain burgesses, retaining, however, his fee of twenty nobles. Up till then, from time immemorial, the bailiff had conducted the ancient court held in the Tolbooth with the assistance of the steward of the borough. After Matthew's charter the Mayor assumed that he was now the president of this court. The Bishop looked on this as a usurpation, and reverted to the old arrangement of a court held by the Bishop's bailiff. This was in 1609, and the Bishop's two officials met with abuse and fierce threats from a city mob. The final hearing of a great lawsuit between the Bishop and the Mayor and other defendants took place in London at the Exchequer Court in 1611, and the decree of the court granted everything the Bishop claimed. Relations between the two sides were very embittered for a very long time.

In 1617 John Richardson, steward of the borough court under the Bishop, issued a paper in which he strongly supported the Bishop's claims. There seems no doubt that after all this strife their disappointment and discouragement made the citizens all the more desirous of representation in parliament.

If the entries in this book are at all complete the meetings of the corporation during the disturbed years of civil war and Common-

wealth were but few, but there are signs of renewed activity in and after 1660. One amusing thing in these records is the frequent references to borrowing the sum of £100 and the careful arrangements for paying it back in seven years. A modern corporation would have cheerfully borrowed a hundred times as much with far less consideration.

During the seventeenth century the various trade gilds occupied an important place in Durham social life. They were known, after the Reformation at least, as companies and they bore the same arms as the similar companies in London, Newcastle and other towns. Apprenticeship was an important feature of their working. Usually a lad was apprenticed for seven years; in the Tanners' Company nine. During that time his master taught him his trade and trained him in good workmanship, for under the influence of the Catholic Church the gild recognized its due to the customer as well as to the workman. When an apprenticeship was finished the young man might become a journeyman and sometimes had to produce a "masterpiece" to show his efficiency, or otherwise his work had been carefully examined by representatives of the company. Then at three successive meetings of the company he was "called". If nothing was offered in the way of objection he was sworn in as a member of his gild before the Mayor of Durham in the borough court. He was then admitted with due form and ceremony and became a very important citizen, for the trades had a very distinct share in the government of the city. Most of the gilds had drawn up a code of rules before 1600. These codes were known as the *Ordinaries* constituted under the power of their charter of incorporation. The *Ordinary,* sometimes called the *Charter,* was considered binding upon all the members. The confusion of the two terms, Charter and Ordinary, was due to the fact that some of the Charters contained the earliest rules which had been drawn up.

The original Ordinary of the Barkers and Tanners Company is lost, but from a paper which was in the custody of the warden in 1670 it appears that they were incorporated before 1547. The Tanners' Company seems to have had one peculiarity, in that they elected a jury of twelve who seem to have acted as a final court within the company. There were many strict rules enacted from

time to time forbidding the sale or buying of hides at different places and times. The Butchers' Company issued an order on 8th October, 1620, that "no brother shall sell nor send no hides in the market of Durham before Nov. 11th next, but the brethren shall sell their cowhides in their shops or else to Darnton[1] or some other market on penalty of 8d for every default". Whether there is any connection it would be hard to say.

The documents here transcribed are from a manuscript volume in the University Library, Durham. It seems to be the volume referred to by Surtees as dated 17th April, 1593, but the title page with the date has since been lost. The volume as it stands begins with a set of rules agreed upon on the 26th February, 1611. There are really two volumes here bound together. Little is known of the company beyond what is given in these two volumes. In them 1655 is the latest date mentioned: Surtees saw some other books, including a parchment "Book of Orders" and some later accounts.

In 1670 the warden's account specified that he handed over two pieces of plate, one burial cloth, eight escutcheons, a large book of entries and two black boxes with several "writings", including a confirmation of orders under the episcopal seal dated 17th April, 1599, and a decree in the Durham Court of Chancery against the county tanners, which forbade them to sell any leather in the city except on the three fair days and on one appointed day in every two months. A new set of escutcheons was bought for two guineas in 1799 and the members subscribed 2/6 each towards the cost.[2] Surtees also gives a few other rules which he probably took from the parchment book mentioned above. These were:

No second apprentice should be taken by any member till the first had served eight years, the penalty being £20.

No brother should buy bark or tan to sell again.

No man could take his freedom till he had reached the age of twenty-four years.

No member might tan hides for a stranger, that is, for a non-member.

[1] Darlington.
[2] Surtees, *Durham* IV, p. 25.

The two books of the Tanners' Company are in the Durham University Library, bound in one volume, and for the loan of them I have to thank the Librarian, Mr. David Ramage, M.A. The book of the Corporation Orders was found some years ago in a cupboard in the Guildhall. The present writer understood from the late Town Clerk, Mr. G. A. Carpenter, that the cupboard door had been plastered over and the discovery was made when the plaster was removed. It is hardly a minute book—the entries are chiefly the orders determined upon by the corporation, with copies of certain documents. The book really consists of a number of sheets bound together, a few so large that they have to be folded. The paper is much decayed and has suffered from damp.[1] Some of the pages are not in the right order but have been bound together carelessly in a parchment binding.

I am greatly indebted to Mr. H. P. Bull and his successor as Town Clerk of Durham, Mr. Martin-Jones, for allowing me to have possession of the manuscript for a very long time for the purposes of this volume. Mr. H. S. Offler, Secretary of the Surtees Society, has given valuable help with the proofs, and Mr. Arthur Wilson has given me help in some of the technical details of tanning.

C.E.W.

[1] *Transactions Durham and Northumberland Arch. Soc.* IX, pp. 212-33.

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Observe that the dates of the latter papers are not bound up in their due order.[1]

Orders made concluded sett down and agreed upon by the Mayoı Aldermen and xxiiii beinge the comon council of the Cittye of Durham and Framwellgate this fourth day of October Ao regni dne nre Elizabethe Rne etc. quadragesimo quarto Aoq Dni, 1602.

The Mayor Aldermen and xxiiii before the election shall mete and resort to service and consequentlie proceed to the election and so every Sabbaoth daye to the sermon.

Imprimis that the Aldermen and xxiiii before the election daye do meete at St. Nicholas Church and heare divine service there and from thence to goe to the election and uppon everye Sabboth daye accompany the Maior to the sermon.

2. *None to be absent from the election upon paine everie Alderma xx^{s} and everie one of the 24 10^{s}.*

Item, that none be absent from the election without lawfull excuse uppon paine that everye Alderman soe offendinge forfeite xx^{s} and every one of the xxiiii x^{s}.

3. *The Maior to choose one Sergeaunt and the Aldermen and 24*

[1] A note in a later hand.

thother, which said last sergeaunt shall enter bond to save harmeles the said Maior.

Item that the Maior shall have the sole choosinge of one seriaunt and the Aldermen and xxiiii of the other seriaunt, and that saide other seriaunt shall within x daies after such choosing enter into sufficient bonde unto the Maior to save him harmless of all escapes of arreistes and dooinge of his office and for defalte thereof the Maior shall putt him out and choose another in his rume.

4. *A table of fees to be made what everie officer shall have.*

Item, that a table shall be made of such fees as the seriaunts and other officers shall take in the cort.

5. *Another table what towles and dueties shall be taken in faires and marketts.*

Item that another table shall be maide what towles or duties are to be received and taken in faires and m'kts.

6.

Item that [there] be but two attorneyes at the most in the Cort.

7. *The Aldermen and 24 to attend the Maior in proclaiminge of the faires.*

Item that the Aldermen and xxiiii doe attende uppon the Maior proclaimeinge of the faires.

8. *The charters, evidences and graunts to be putt in one chist which shall have thre locks and 3 keis, vizt the Maior one keye the Aldermen another, the 24 the third.*

Item that all the charters evidences and grants of the towne be putt in one Chiste and the same to have three lockes and three keyes. And the Maior to have the keepinge of one keye, one of the Aldermen one keye, and one of the four and twentye the third keye.

9. *Att all general metings and assemblies the Maior Aldermen and 24 to come in there gownes upo pain of vi^s. viii^d for an alderman and for one of the 24, 3^s 4^d.*

Item that att all general meetings and appointed assemblies the

said Maior Aldermen and fower and twentye shall come in their gounes uppon paine Aldermen so offendinge to forfeite vi^{s} viii^{d} and every of the said fower and twentye iii^{s}. iiij^{d}.

10. *None for lucre or gaine to graunt his voice to anye person.*
Item that noe man shall for lucre or gayne give or grante his voice to any person.

11. *Maior to have a castinge voice in all elections.*
Item that the Maior shall have a casteinge voice in all elections as well of the Maior to be choosen as of all Aldermen and other officers whatsoever.

12. *Quarto die octobris anno Rni Elizabethe Regine quadragesimo quarto. Robert Suerties Rychard hutcheson.*
[1]Whereas the Maior and Aldermen of the Cittie of Durham have disbursed the some of fiftie seven pounds for and toward the procuring and getting of divers new grants for the common good of the comnaltie of the Cittie of Durham, and for that the Comonaltie of them selves being poore traids men and not able to disburse the said charge. It is therefore ordered and sett down that the said lvii li shall be allowed and taken out of the profitts Issues and revenus cominge or accrewing by the said grants unto the Maior Aldermen and Comnaltie. And that first of all that the now said Maior and every of the said Aldermen that have now disbursed or lent out money for the same, shall have and receyve the said severall somes out of the profittes and Issues aforesaid rateably and proportionablie and according to the quantitie of the severall somes so by them lent.

[2]Hugh Wright	John Patteson
Edward Wanless	Edward Taylor
William Hall	Simpson
Thomas Pearson	Hugh hucheson

[1] This paragraph is repeated but without the signatures on the following page. The back of that page (3) is endorsed "iiij October, 1602. Orders sett down by the Comon Councell of the Citye of Durham."

[2] The names with a × have a mark or the word "mark" added in the list. The edge of the page is broken and one or two Christian names are lost.

John Mills
Richard Farales
Xphr Whitfield ×
Anthony Coats ×
Raph Younger ×
Xphr. Armstrong ×
Thomas hirrde ×
Christopher hutchinson
William pearson ×
Willm blythman
Willm Scathlock ×
Richard Wright
Oswold Walless ×
Willm hutcheson ×
Rowland Brogbourne ×
Wm Whitfeild
Thomas Cornfourth
Mathew Short ×
Thomas Wilson ×
nikoss Betson
Thomas Betson ×
Wm. mrch ×

James Farrales
Maior

Litterae patentes factae Willimo Smithe[1] generoso de officio seneschalciae Curiae tenendo infra Civitatem Dunelm. pro termino vitae.

Omnibus christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit, nos, Maior, Aldermani et Communitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum reverendus in Christo pater tobias, Dunelm. episcopus, per litteras suas patentes inter alia nobis antehac concessit, quod nos et successores nostri imperpetuum haberemus et teneremus infra civitatem Dunelm. in comitatu Dunelm. unam curiam quolibet die Martis de quindecem in quindecem dies imperpetuum, coram Seneschallo nostro ad hoc per nos ordinando et constituendo tenendam, et quod haberemus potestatem audiendi et terminandi in eadem curia per huiusmodi Seneschallum nostrum omnes et omnimodas actiones, sectas, querelas et demaundas quascumque, infra dictam civitatem Dunelm. et Framwelgate in comitatu predicto, libertates, limites, bundas et precinctus earundem quoquomodo surgentes sive emergentes in curia predicta levand' et affirmand', una cum aliis ordinacionibus, libertatibus et concessionibus dicte curie concernentibus, prout per easdem litteras patentes plenius liquet et apparet:

Sciatis igitur nos, prefatos Maiorem, Aldermanos et Comunitatem civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, ordinasse et constituisse, ac per presentes ordinare et constituere, dilectum nobis in Christo Willimum Smithe de Grayes Inn Londini, generosum, Seneschallum nostrum ad tenend' curiam predictam et fore Seneschallum et Recordatorem nostrum curiae predictae et rotulorum et recordorum eiusdem curiae et ad omnia

[1] William Smith of Gray's Inn, gent., became Recorder on Sept. 11th, 1603.

et singula faciend', exercend' et exequend' que ad officium et officia Seneschalli et Recordatoris predict' pertinent et requiruntur: ipsique Willimo officia Seneschalli et Recordatoris recordorum et rotulorum curiae predictae damus et concedimus per presentes.

Nosque etiam, prefati Maior, Aldermani et Communitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, prefatum Willimum Smithe Seneschallum nostrum omnium et singularum curiarum Let sive visusfranciplegii et aliarum curiarum nostrarum quarumcumque infra dictam civitatem Dunelm. et Framwelgate vel aliarum aliquarum ad tenend' easdem curias et quamlibet earum facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per presentes, habend', gaudend', exercend' et occupand' predictum officium Seneschalciae ac alia officia et preconcessa quecunque et quodlibet eorum eidem Willimo Smithe per seipsum aut sufficientem deputatum sive deputatos suos coniunctim et divisim, quem et quos nos, prefati Maior, Aldermani et Comunitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, approbaverimus, ad terminum vite naturalis eiusdem Willimi.

Ac ulterius sciatis nos, prefatos Maiorem, Aldermanos et Comunitatem civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, dedisse et concessisse prefato Willimo Smithe et assignatis suis, tam pro officio predicto exercendo et occupando, quam pro consilio suo nobis ante hac tempora impensso (*sic*) et imposterum impendendo, quandam annuitatem sive annuale feodum sive redditum viginti sex solid' et octo denarios, ad festa Sancti Martini in hieme et Pentecostes per equales porciones eidem Willimo Smithe pro termino vitae sue annuatim solvend' per nos et successores nostros per manus receptorum, balivorum, collectorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, seu percipiend' de amerciamentis, exitibus, finibus, profectibus et extractis earundem curiarum nobis debitis et de tempore in tempus contingentibus, unacum omnibus aliis proficuis, commoditatibus, vadiis et regardis quibuscumque dictis officiis seu eorum alicui qualitercunque spectantibus seu pertinentibus.

Mandamus insuper universis et singulis servientibus ad clavam, balivis et ministris nostris et eorum cuilibet, quod prefato Willimo Smithe et deputatis suis in hac parte per nos approbatis (ut prefertur) de tempore in tempus assistentes sint, obedientes et auxiliantes, et prompti, parati et volentes ad omnia et quodlibet has predictas nostras concessiones concernentia et tangentia facienda, peragenda et exequenda, quae ab eiis ratione et virtute officiorum suorum exigi possint et requiruntur.

In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes, et eisdem sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus. Dat' apud civitatem Dunelm. predict', undecimo die Septembris, anno regni Domini nostri Jacobi, Dei gratia Anglie, Scotiae, Francie et Hibernie regis, fidei

defensoris etc, regni sui Anglie, Francie et Hibernie primo, Scotiae vero tricesimo septimo, annoque Domini 1603.

Sic subscript' : James Farales Maior.

Orders mad concluded seet down and agreed upon that the Maio^{r} Aldermen and twinty fourer being the common Counsell of the Ctitie of Durham & framwelgat this fourth daye of october Ano Regni dom nre Elizabethie Rne nunc &c quadragesimo quarto, 1603.

[Here follows a copy of the rules on the first pages but dated in the following year.]

4th October 1604.

Orders sett down by the Maior Aldermen and xxiiij^{tie} assembled together for and concerning such p'sons as are infected or suspected to be infected of the plague[1] as following.

Orders for such as are infected with the plague.

It is agreed by Mr Maior and his brethren and xxiiij assembled together That there shall weeklie in everie streat be two men appointed by Mr Maior to examine and enquire att everie house what persons be sick therein and to make known their sickness, and how many are sick and for how long time they have so continued, which examiners are to receive their answers from their nei[2] mistresses or dames of the said houses, and accordinglie to make certificat to Mr Maior thereof. And if anye doe wilfullie or upon purpose refuse to make knowne anye p'sons so sick within their houses, upon examination first made then shall such p'sons so refusing or wilfullie denieing the same be fyned x^{s} and punished further at the discretion of Mr Maior and his Bretheren.

Item, that everie householder shall give notice to all such person or persons sick within their houses, within ten houres att the moste after they first sicken, to Mr Maior or sume of his Bretheren or other

[1] *The Plague.* There was a bad visitation of the Plague in 1597. People built huts and booths out on the moors to escape it, but 444 died in Durham alone, and from the city it spread to the neighbourhood. The register of St. Giles', Durham, tell us that between Sept. 1604 and Jan. 1606 eighteen died in that parish alone. It seems to have raged rather badly in the city during the last-named year.

[2] Neighbours?

neighboure nigh unto them upon such paine and punyshment as Mr Mayor and his Bretheren shall sett down and inflict for the penallitie of their offences therein.

Item that the searchers and examiners appointed and sett down to search shall so rightly and with upright conscience truelie declare and make knowen without dyssimulacōn what p'sons are sick in everie or anye house which they so examine or search within their charges uppon paine of xx^{s} and these articles above said to abide indure and contynue by and with all the consents of Mr Maior and his Bretheren and xxiiij^{tie} for and dureing the tyme of the visitation and no longer.

Edward Wanless.

4 October 1604.

An order for the Corporacōn of Slaiters.

It is agreed ordered and sett down by the Maior and his Bretheren and xxiiii assembled together That no Playsterer shall worke within the Cittie or suburbes of Durham before such tyme as they or anye of them or such as shall sett them on worke doe paye first unto the Companye or Corporacōn of Slaiters[1] the summe of ii^{s} vid^{zt} xii^{d} to the same company and xii^{d} to the Maior of the saide Cittie of Durham for the tyme beinge.

An order for the Corporation of Carpenters.

Item that all such person or persons that doth make and bringe worke forth of the countreye to be sold within the saide Cittie or suburbes that the same shall not be bought received and sett upp into there howses within the saide cittie before such tyme as the same work shall first be vewed, sene and examined, to be lawful and good by the wardens and searchers of the Corporacōn of Wrights,[2] Joyners and Carpenters, upon payne that no p'son or

[1] The Rough Masons, Wallers and Slaters of Durham are said to have received a charter from Bishop Tunstal (Hutchinson, *Durham* I, p. 546). Bishop James gave them a confirmation of their ordinances on Jan. 21st, 1609, under the title of Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviours, Tylers and Plasterers.

[2] The Carpenters, Joiners, Wheelwrights, Sawyers and Coopers owed their foundation to a charter from Tunstal (Spearman's *Enquiry into the State of the County Palatine of Durham*, 1729, p. 19). The earliest of their books now existing begins in 1712, so that the mention of the two Companies in this chapter dated 1604 is one of the earliest references to them that we have. The subject matter of the note might equally well refer to all the gilds, who were all anxious that no member and no outsider should pass inferior work in the city.

p'sons that doth so make or bringe the same shall forfeit such Fyne as is conteyned in there corporacon.

An order for the Maior for the tyme beinge to be observed.

The Maior not to go to the Church or to meet any noble man without his staf upon pain of 5s.

Item that the Maior for the time beinge shall not repaire to the Cathedral Church to service or sermons upon sundaies or holidaes nor on the faire or markett daies nor when he doth meete the Kinge or Queene's Ma'ties or any nobleman or his ma'ties Councell of the northe without his staffe and gowne upon paine for every offence or so offending to pay to comon use of the saide Cittie vs.

Sig: Edwarde Wanless Maior.

3 October 1605.

it is ordered that no alder: be absent on the 3 day of octob. having no warning sent him upon pain of 6s 8d and of the 4th of october 13s. 4d.

An order that no Alderman shall be absent from meting the 3 and 4 daies of October without warning given, upon paine to paie the first daie 6s 8d, and the second daie 13s. 4d.

It is agreed consented and ordered by the Maior and Aldermen now assembled together in the toole Booth that from henceforth, no Alderman shall absent hymself from there accustomed meetings of the third and fourth daies of October beinge their chiefe and principall daies for the electing of the Maior and comon counsell but that they doe come and resort to the saide Toole-booth without anye warninge given upon paine to paie for their defalt the first daie 6s. 8d. and for the second daies defalt xiiis iiijd.

Thomas Pearson
Maior

Robt Surties
sig Edward Wanless
Willm Hall
Hughe Wrighte
John Wall
Edward taler

James Farales
John Heighington
Richard Wright
John Patteson
John Lambton
Hugh Hucheson

Civitas Dunelm & Framwelgate.

4 Octobris Anno R^is^ Jacobi &c Quinto, Annoqdni 1607 before Mr Robt Surties maior all the Aldermen and xxiiii assembled together before the election of the Maior succedent the order hereafter written was sett down with their full and whole consent as followeth.

An Order that every freeman of trade within the Cittie shall be exempted from paiements in as large maner as anye Burgesse thereof, vizt tolles.

And that these words "sworne before mr maior and his steward as heretofore is or hathe been accustomed" written betwix the xii and xiii^th^ lynes were so interlyned before the subscriptions of Mr Maior, Aldermen and Comonaltie to the same.

For so much as it is alledged and affirmed by the most auncient of men of best esteme and account inhabitinge within the saide Cittie and also it doth appeare by certaine old bookes and writings of antiquity extant and remayneinge within the said Cittie that all and everie p'son and p'sons dwelling within the said Cittie beinge free and a freeman That use anye trayde, facultie, misterie or occupation hath of ancient tyme bene freed exonerated and exempted from paiements in suche sort and manner as the Burgesses of the said Cittie are now free or ought to be discharged thereof. It is therefore ordered constituted and sett downe by the generall consent of the saide Maior Aldermen and Comonaltie and xxiiij beinge the comon counsell of the saide Cittie of Duresme and Framwellgate, That all and everie suche p'son or p'sons being free or a freeman *sworne before Mr Maior and his steward as heretofore is or hath been accustomed* inhabiting within the saide Cittie of any trade, mysterie, facultie or occupation shall be freed, exonerated and exempted from all manner of paiements whatsoever in suche sort and manner to all entents and purposes as the Burgesses of the saide Cittie who are or hath bene heretofore accustomed to be exempted enonerated and freed thereof. And in testimony of this our generall consent we, the said Robert Suerties have sett our hand the daie and yeare above written.

Robt Suerties maior
Thomas Pearson
Richard Wright
John Patteson
John Lambton
Sig Tho. Cooke

Richard Wanles
× Sig. Nicho Ladley
× Sig. Wm Hutcheson
× Sig. Chrofer Whitfeild
Hughe Wright
Edward Taylor
Wm Whitfeild
Cuthbert Hawdon
Laurence Sheffeild
Rychard blitheman
× Sig. Robt Pearson
× Sig. Tho: Wilson
Sig. Chro Armstrong
Sig. Rad. Younger
× Wm Marche
× Sig. Tho: Watson
× Sig. Chro Hutcheson
Edward Wanles
Willm Hall
John Heighington
Willm. Blythman
× Willi Ayson
Geo. Craggs
James Farales
× Matt. Short

Quarto die Octobris Anno Regni Regis Jacobi &c Sexto Anno dmni 1608.

Whereas the most part of the Aldermen and comonaltie of the Cittie of Duresme and Framwelgat have elected and chosen Heugh Wright one of the said Aldermen to the office of maioraltie within the said Cittie of Durham and Framwelgate for one whole yeare then next following which he for reasonable and important causes by him then alledged refused to take upon him the charge of the said office and suhmitted himself unto such sesse and fyne as should by the saide Maior Aldermen and Comonaltie be sett downe, who accordinglie having dewlie examined the said causes before alledged and finding the same to be so true just and reasonable that if they had knowen the same before the saide election they wold not have chosen him to the saide office. And now upon due consideracon thereof had, albeit some voices have thought good to fyne him xx^{li} others of them x^{li} others of them vi^{li} xiii^{s} iiii^{d} others of them v^{li} others of them iii vi^{s} viii^{d} but the most part have concluded to fyne him vs which saide fyne is accordinglie paide by the saide Heugh wright and accepted upon by the whole companye aforesaid.

hugh hucheson maior.

[1]The appointing and bestowing of certaine duties called clensing

[1] The top of this page has been cut away by the binders, and the outer edge of the leaf has worn badly.

corne[1] and also of all other towles, customs and duties paid and annswered by such as buy and sell in the m'kett within the cittie of Durham uppon such person and persons as (at) his discretion he thinketh meete and convenyent to have and take the benefit thereof for & dureing soe longe time as the said Maior should contynue that year in his said office of Maioraltie—In consideration whereof such person and persons so appointed and that receiveth the said benefitts yerely paying to thuse of the said towne in money, viz for the cleansing corne x^{s} and for the towles and other customs iiij^{li} also are from time to time to looke and se that the flaykes or strawe be p(vided) for setting of sacks of corn uppon that cometh to the mkett to be sould the shamles' and pavemts where the said mketts are kept repayred, maintayned and the same from time to time washed swept clensed and kept sweete. And also to looke unto the performance of such good orders and ordinances as have bene and are maid for the good of the said mketts. and the buyers and sellers in the same. All which notwithstanding is and hath been greatly neclected by the said persons and thereuppon complainte made for wante sometimes of sufficient flayke and strawe and also of the pavements being gretle decayed and that the shambles are not repaired & washed and kept swete nor the pavements where the said mketts are kept amended and in many places broken and full of holes and neither swept and clensed and kept clene wherby the mkett is greatly hindered & many of . . . smells and noysome savors occationed and thereby sometimes cause of contagious sickness procured, nor such good orders and ordinances as are maid and sett downe for the same performed and obeyed by reason that those that receive the said benefitts have carried themselves most carelessly and negligently in those places and offices. Wherefore to the intent that redresse may be had in & touchinge the said premisses. It is therefore both by the consent of the maior and all his brethren the Aldermen and xxiiij, ordered that the said maior for the time beinge shall receive and take & every maior hereafter for the time being shall receive & take to his own use the said clensing corne and all of the towles, customs and duties ariseing comeing & chanceing in

[1] Clensing corn appears to be the sweepings of the market. At Knaresborough Market there were scavengers or gatherers of the market sweepings, who also collected hand-lawe corn. (Hutchinson, *Durham* II, p. 41.)

and by the faires and mketts kept or to be kept within the said Cittie uppon these condicons and consideracons following, viz. that he the said Maior onely for the time being may be bound and stand charged to see all the places and pavemts, schamles,[1] where fysh flesh roots herbes fruite butter and cheese and eggs corne stawles and booth stande from time to time to be kept whole and in good repaire and order vizt the shamles where flesh are sould presently after the markett is done to be washed swept and soe kept sweete and repayred, sufficient flaykes and strawe provided for secks of corne to stand uppon, the pavements within that parte of the Cittie called the m'kett place in every parte thereof from time to time to be repaired and kept whole and after the mkett be done to cause all place and places where any corne fruite fish or flesh or other things have been sold within the said mkett place to be presently swepte clensed and kept sweete. Such parte of the said mkett place belonging unto any house onely excepted & the same to be repaired & by the owner of the house as hath been accustomed. And also that there be paid by the said Maior during his . . . the said premisses to the use of [2]. . . of the same Cittie in money. xl^{s} and for the other toules dutyes and customs receyved & to be receyved in & by the said marketts and fayres iiij^{li} And to satisfie the Citty what is meet and convenient for the charge & paynes thereof.

The ninth day of December 1608.

John Patteson maior	hugh hutcheson
Robert Suerties	Hughe Wright
Edward Wanless	John Wall
Sig. Willim Hall	Edward Taylor
Thomas Pearson	John Heighington

Onlie in my oppinio for the clessing corne for this yeare, by reason that the Sergeaunts are chosen & plaised for this yeare will greatlie complane if they should not have all Comodities which they have had before, which before they go forth may be more advisedlie

[1] Schamles, shambles—the butchers' quarter in the market.

[2] The top line of this page has been partly cut through, the bottom much worn. The last three paragraphs (which have been crossed out) appear to be part of a draft of a legal opinion.

considered upon by all our general consents, and they may be made previe also befoer that new be chosen, they being onlie sette a yeallie stipent.

Therefore in my oppinyon this yeare onle take the disposing of the clessing corne to such as we all shall think convenient eather letting it by a yearly rent to some one or two at most by a lease for a yeare or otherwise as we shall all agre upō & thes who shall have it to pay their rent at Ladie Day in Lent & Michaels'day by equal porciōs.

What is to harm (would be profited betwyxt this and St Andrew day) at furthest that thos . . . whom they are . . . so why make the provision.

(Last page endorsed.)

An order that the Maior for the tyme beinge shall have clensing corne dureing his yere of Maioraltie paieing xl^{s} to the towne yearlie for the same.

Orders made condescended and agreed upon by John Patteson now Maior of the Cittie of Duresme and Framwelgate and all or most pt of the Aldermen of the saide Cittie the ixth daie of december as followeth. Anno dni 1608.

1. *An order that two aldermen in there course shall sitt with the Maior everie court daye, except some lawfull excuse doe appeare, and then one or two others to supplie their places till they come home to serve themselves in the roomes of the former. 3^{s}. 4^{d}. pro fina.*

Imprimis it is consented and agreed upon by the said Maior and Alderman that everie Court daie holden within the Toolebooth or comon Hall two of the Aldermen shall accompanye the Maior for the tyme being all the space the Court holdeth, beginning the next court daie after this order made and two of the eldest Aldermen shall first beginne and so everie two of them orderlie as the Courts are holden all the yeare following, upon paine of everie one offendinge therein to paie for everie defalt iii^{s} iiij^{d} to be levied of his goods presentlie, except that the saide Alderman or Aldermen shall have a sufficient excuse to the contrarie, which if any of them have, then the saide Alderman or Aldermen shall the night before the Court give notice to one of the Sergeaunts of his occasions so

as the saide Sergeant shall give warninge to another of the Aldermen or two of them if they be both awaye that other two Aldermen shall supplie the places of those that be absent and those who were awaie shall serve in their places the next Court daie after their returne home againe.

2. *That the saide Aldermen who served the said Court daie shall also for that fortnight accompanie the said maior to the lectors in their gownes.* xii^{d}.

Item it is further agreed that for ever hereafter those two Aldermen whose course it was to be att the last Court daie shall goe upp with the Maior to the Lectors upon fridaies and wednesdaies so often as their shalbe anye Lectors betwixt the Court daies and shall have their gownes on upon paine of everie one offendinge therein shall paie for everye defalt xii^{d} to be levied as aforesaide.

3. *That the Aldermen shall in their gownes be readie with the Maior to meet the Bp and Judges of Assize. Uppō paine* 3^{s} 4^{d}.

Item it is consented and agreed upon by the saide Maior and Aldermen That all the saide Aldermen shall decently attend in their gownes the Maior att all such tymes as the Lord Bpp of Duresme comethe. And also att the Assizes to meet the Judges uppon warninge given thereof by the Sargeaunts upon paine of whoso refuseth or is absent having not a sufficient excuse to the contrary to paie for everie defalt iii^{s} iiij^{d} to be levied as aforesaide.

4. *That the Maior shall yerelie finishe his account to the then elected Maior before St Andrew daie next.* 3^{l}. 6^{s}. 8^{d}.

It is further agreed that for ever hereafter the Maior shall yearelie finish and make p'fect his accounts to the new chosen Maior and his Bretheren att or before Sct Andrew daie next yearelie after the choice of the new Maior upon paine of every one offendinge therein to paie for everie defalt iii^{li} vi^{s} viii^{d}.

5. *That the new elected Maior shall the daie of his election appoint a guild daie.* 30^{s}.

Item it is consented and agreed upon by the saide Maior and Aldermen That everie Maior whoso is chosen to the maioraltie the

fourthe daie of october everie yeare shall the same daie of his first election appoint and sett downe in the Audience of the Aldermen and commonaltie being then present a certain daie and tyme of the daie when the guild shall be kept, which shall be consented and agreed upon by the Maior Aldermen and Commonaltie that daie upon pain of everie one offendinge therein or refusing to come beinge warned by the sergeaunts shall paie for his or their defalt xxx^{s} to be Levied of his goods and cattells within ten daies next after.

6. *That the Maior shall not suffer anie to plaie in the Toole booth except the King's plaiers or such other as he shall like of. pro fina x^{s}.*

Item it is likewise consented and agreed That the Maior for the time beinge shall not att anye time hereafter p'mitt or suffer anye players whatsoever to plaie in the Toole boothe. Except his Majesties plaiers or suche others as the said Maior and Aldermen shall in their wisdomes and discretions thinke fitt to allowe of upon paine of everie one offendinge therein to paie x^{s} to be levied as aforesaid.

7. *That no Maior nor Aldermen shall kepe bookes accounts or other writings in their hands anie longer then the accompt daie. pro fina 20^{s}.*

Item it is consented and agreed upon by the saide Maior and Aldermen That no Maior nor Aldermen hereafter shall reteine in his custody or kepe anye bookes Billes bonds accompts specialties or estrets or anye other writinge whatsoever, which doe concerne the office of maioraltie anye longer but till suche time as the saide maior shall deliver upp his accompt for the saide office upon paine of everie one offendinge therein to paie for everye defalt xx^{s}.

John Patteson maior
Robt Surties
Sig. Edward Wanles
Willim Hall
Hughe Wright
hughe hucheson
John Wall
John heighington
Edward Taylor

The sergeants shall warne the Aldermen of every lector, court day and meetinge. pro fina 3^{s}. 4^{d}.

Item, it is agreed upon by the consent of the Maior and Aldermen That the Sergeaunts shall give warninge against every Court daie and to Everie lector and other meetings and to doe and performe all other thinges incident and belonginge to their office of Sergeauntshipp upon paine of everie one offending therein to paie for every defalt iii^{s} iiij^{d}.

The towne clercke shall the third daie of October read such orders as then shall be required.

Item it is consented and agreed by the saide Maior and Aldermen that the Towne Clarcke shall everie yeare upon the Third daye of October reade over in there audience all such orders as are conteyned in a booke thereof made or so manye of them as then shalbe required or be thought expedient to be reade for the present tyme.

John Patteson Maior.

Tertio die Januarii 1608.

Orders made concluded sett downe and agreed upon by Mr John Patteson Maior Aldermen and xxiiij being the comon Councell of the Cittie of Duresme and Framwelgate Anno Regni Regis Domini nri Jacobi Anglie &c sexto. 3^{d} Januarii 1608.

No Alderman or anie of the 24 to be absent from anie Guildaie or generall meetings beinge thereto warned.

First it is ordered That if anye of the Aldermen or xxiiii shall hereafter absent them selves from any generall meetings or Guildayes beinge thereto warned and havinge no Lawfull excuse of his absence shall forfeit and paie for such his absence to the comon use of the saide towne vidz^{t} everie Alderman vi^{s} viii^{d} and everye one of xxiiij^{tie} ij^{s} to be levied of his goods and cattells.

Every Alderman to paie 6.8 Everie of the 24. 2^{s}.

A Guild daie appointed the morrow after the head Court daie after Easter next.

It is also condescended and agreed that a Guild daie or generall metinge shalbe holden and kept the morrow after the head Court daye after Easter next.

The now Pant m^rs to repaire the pant and conduit and to collect such sessments as shall be made for the same. And to make accompt when they shall be warned. pro fina xx^s a peece.

Item it is ordered, condescended and agreed by the said Maior Aldermen and xxiiij^tie assembled together that the now pant-masters shall from tyme to tyme carefullye respect and look unto the necessarie repairing and amendinge of the pant and Conduit in due and convenient Tyme and not wilfully to refuse or neglect the doeinge and repairinge thereof. And that they shall also from tyme to tyme collect and gather all such sessements as are or shall be made concerninge the same and to see the same justlie and for the best bestowed about the reparinge of the saide pant and Conduit. And to make a just accompt thereof before Mr Maior and the rest of the p'ishioners in Sainct Nicholas Church in Durha' when they shalbe warned to doe the same upon paine of either of them makinge defalt therein to paie to and for the use of the saide pant and conduit xx^s a peece to be levied of their goodes and cattells or otherwise as Law will afford.

The late Pant masters shall account before the second of Februarie for all suche money as they have received. And shall also before that daie collect the sessments made in there time.

And that Xrofer Hudspethe and Robert Scaithlock the Late pant masters[1] shall make a true full and perfect accompt of all such money by them received and how the same hath bene disbursed before the second daie of Februarye next And also that the said Xrofer Hudspethe and Robt. Scaithlock shall before there said accompt daie collect and gather such sessemts as were not by them heretofore collected or gathered in their tyme upon paine of either of them wilfullie refusinge or neglectinge to gather the same to paie v^li a peece to be levied as aforesaide.

John Patteson Maior.

[1] In the market square, said Hutchinson, "is a fluent fountain of excellent water, which supplies the greatest part of the town" (Hutchinson, II, 376). It was adorned by a statue of Neptune, removed in comparatively recent years. By deed, 30th March 1450, Thomas Billingham, Esq., granted to the City a spring of water from Crook Hall on his manor of Sidgate, with liberty to convey it by pipes to the pant in the market-place at 13d. a year rent, to be paid on St. Martin's Day. This grant was confirmed in the Chancery Court of Durham on March 30th, 1637. The pant became very dilapidated and was rebuilt by public subscription in 1847. A water company had been formed in Durham in 1844.

Nono Maii Anno Dni 1609 Anno R Regis Jacobi Angliae &c Septimo.

A Guild daie or generall meetinge of the Maior Aldermen and Comonaltie within the Cittie of Duresme holden the daie and yeare above written within the Tolbooth there.

The affirmation of Watsō and Maison touchinge the swearinge of Meanes and Turner by Mr Barnes to be freemen (being Forreiners) of the weaver craft within the cittie of Duresme.

Md that John Watson and Nicholas Maison weavers now or late wardens of the saide Corporacōn, doe affirme and saie the daie and yeare abovesaid That Mr John Barnes in or about Lam̄as last at his owne house did sweare and give oathe to George Meanes and John Turner weavers, beinge Forreyners to use and exercise the saide weavers trade as freemen thereof within the Cittie of Duresme.

A generall metinge the sixt of September next and a weekes warninge to be given before thereof.

Also the sixt daye of September next a guild daye or generall meetinge is appointed to be kept, and warninge thereof a weeke before in Churche publiquelie or otherwise is to be given.

Tertio die Octobris 1609. R. Ris. Jacobi Anglie &c Septimo.

An order concerning Mr John Lampton's contempt.

Item that forsomuche as Mr John Lampton drap(er) and inhabitant within the Cittie of Duresme and one of the Aldermen of the saide Cittie hathe divers and sundrie tymes bene warned as well by Mr Maior himselfe as by the sergeants his officers to come to sundrie metinges and consultations for the comon good of the said Cittie and also for the meetinge and attendinge of the Judges and other great personages as heretofore hath bene accustomed. And whereas also upon Satterdaye last he was specially required by Mr Maior himself to be present att the generall metings this daie and the fourth of this instant. He answered againe to Mr Maior what if I do not come? What can you doe then? Thereupon Mr Maior replied & said to the said Mr Lambton. Then I must by vertue of my office of maioraltie comand you in his ma'ties name and upon

yr alledgeance that you doe come whereunto Mr Lampton answered againe that if he came not he knewe as well how to answer the same as Mr Maior could answer other matters whereupon the saide Mr Lampton haithe this present daie absented himself and therefore we think good and doe order and sett downe that all these his defauts and contempts to be recorded and that due consideration maye be had thereof and how farr it may be remedied and punished or his ma'ties or his highness privie counsell acquainted with the same.

John Patteson maior

Robert Surties
Thomas Pearsō
Hughe Wright
hugh hucheson
John Wall
Richard Wright
Edward Wandles *dyer*
Willim Hall
James Farales
Edward tayler
John heighington

AN ORDER MADE ATT THE GENERALL METING
THE THIRD DAIE OF OCTOBER 1609

It is ordered and agreed the daie and yere aforesaid and also appointed That mr Rbt Suerties Aldermā mr Williā Hall Alderman mr Thomas Pearson Aldermā mr Heughe wright Aldermā shall be sollicitors agents & suitors unto his matie & highnes' privie councell for and concerning divers occasions and businesses as Well for the further and better government of the said cittie as also for the enforming and acquainting of his ma^tie^ & Privy councell with hard courses and dealings had and used against the saide maior and his government in the said Cittie. And that a lre of Atturney under the comon seale of the maioraltie shall be made for the solliciting of the premisses unto the foure aldermen above mencōed.

John Patteson maior.

Robt Surties
Edward Wandles
Willim Hall
James Farales
Thomas Pearsō
Hughe Wright
hugh hucheson
John Wall
Edward tayler
John Heighington
Richard Wright

Quarto die mensis Octobris Anno R. R^is^ Jacobi Anglie &c Septimo.

An order concerning Mr John Lambton's absence.

Whereas Mr John Lambton draper an inhabitant within the Cittie of Duresme and one of the Aldermen of the said Cittie haithe accordinge to our custome bene warned to be p'sent this day for the electing of the succeedinge Maior and other officers according to which custome the said Mr Lampton haithe bene called yet notwithstanding he hathe not appeared but absenteth himself.

4 octobris 1609.

It is condescended and agreed upon by the Maior Aldermen and Commonaltie all present and assembled that a guild day or generall metinge is appointed to be kept on Wednesday in the full whole weeke in lent next ensuing and that three or foure daies warning shall be given by the sergeants thereof to the company.

Edward [E. W.] Wandles × mk.

viij^th^ october 1610.

A general meting of Mr Heughe Wright, Maior the Aldermen xxiiij^tie^ and other officers whose names are subscribed who respectively tooke the othe of alledgeance ministred unto them by the saide Maior.

Aldermen[1] *sworne*

Robt Suerties
James Farales
Thomas Pereson
John Patteson
Hugh Hutcheson
Richard Wright
John Heighington
Lawrence Sheiffield
Thomas Hutcheson
Thomas Watson
George Stott
Silvester maugham
Thomas Ladley
Tho: Pereson *smith*
Thomas Collin

Jur.

Thomas Coke
Heughe Walton
George Walton
Willm Whitfeld
Willm Hutcheson
Nicholas Hutcheson
Robt Pereson thelder
Chrofer. Armstrong
Robt Terstanle
Rawfe Young
Willm marche
Chrofer. Whitfeld

Sergeants

Chrofer. Suerties
Robt Blunt
John Littlefare

[1] These are not all aldermen.

Constables sworn to there office
George Walton
Thomas Hutchesō
George Stott

Searcher
William Marche
Clark to the said Maior Aldermen and Commonaltie
[1]Mark Forster
Notarie publique

Secundo die mensis Julii Anno ab incarnatione Domini milesimo Sexcentesimo decimo tertio.

Rich Watsons inrolment appointed to Mr Rich Wright.

Md. that Richard Watson sone of John Watson laite of Righton[2] gentleman deceased haith putt him self apprentice unto Richard Wright Maior of the Cittie of Durham mercer to dwell serve and remayne with the said Richard Wright from the day of the dayte abovesaid during all the tearme of seven yeares now next coming, as by one pare of Indentures made hereof more at larg it may appeare, which said Indentures are nowe enrowled, in the book of Inrolments for such like cases p'vided in the book of Inrolments now in the Custodie of the saide Richard Wright maio^r^

RICHARD WRIGHT
JOHN LITTLEPHARE

Viij die Novembris 1614 Ao Regis Jacobi &c. xij^o^.

Rob Barwick inrolment to Jo: lee, his m^r^.

Robert Barwick sonne of Francies Barwick of norton within the county of Durham yeom hath putt himself apprentice by Indenture unto John Lee of the cittye of Durham within the said Countye Joyner, and after the manner of an apprentice to dwell & remayne & serve the said John Lee for vii years from the feast of St M'tyne the Bushoppe in wynter last past before the date of the said Indenture which bareth date xx^th^ november in the xi^th^ yere of his ma'ty said Raigne as by the same appeareth which Indenture is enrolled in the booke of Inrollments for such like cases provided in the custodie of the Maior of the Cittie of Durham.

[1] Mark Forster was made Town Clerk in 1610.
[2] Ryton-on-Tyne.

THE MANNER OF THE KINGS MA^{te} COMING TO THE CITTIE OF DURHAM[1] IN ANNO DNI 1617 AS FOLLOWING

Upon good friday being the Eightenth of Aprill 1617 Mr Heaborne one of his Ma^{ts} gentlemen Ushers spoke unto George Walton maior, that it was his Ma^{ts} pleasure to come in state to the Citty, and that it were fitting that the Maior and Ald^{r}men should be readie upon the next daie following being East$^{(er)}$ eve to give their attendance upon his Matie in some convenient place within the Cittie, and the said Maior to have his footcloth horse their ready to attend. Which likewise was done upon Elvett bridge, neere the tower[2] thereof, being new rayled within rayles of wood then there made for that purpose. At which tyme his Ma^{ts} said gentleman Usher, standing by the said Maior and Aldermen, till his Ma^{ts} coming, where there was a speech delivered, by the said Maior, to his Matie, together with the Macees and Staffe, and at tyme fitting in the same speech so made, a Silver boule guilt, with a cov^{r}, was presented by the said Maior to his Matie, which speech appeareth as followeth.

Most gracious Soveraigne what unspeakable ioy is this your highnes presents unto us your loveing Subjects our tongues not able to utter, nor our meanes to shew your welcombe, your gracious Matie at your happie cominge hither with much peace and plenty, found this Cyttie inabled with divers liberties and priviledges, all Sov'aignitie and power spirituall and temporall, being in your selfe,

[1] James I visited Durham on his journey to Scotland in 1617. In Durham there had been strife between the bishop and the city especially under Bishop James. Each side accused the other of encroaching on the rights given by the Charter. The Courts had declared in favour of the bishop, but the civic authorities took the opportunity of appealing to the King. The verses recited (near the Market Place) by one of the apprentices contained obvious references to the dispute. The King had confirmed Matthews' Charter in 1606, so they could claim some ground for appealing to him. The bishop's side was also put before the King, for in 1617 John Richardson, steward of the borough court, drew up a statement on the history of the government of the city which declared that the bishop had always appointed the bailiff at a yearly fee and the bailiff presented his accounts yearly to the Exchequer. Whether the silver bowl did not contain enough, or less likely because, as the Durham legend says, the Castle beer was too new—the King was ill-humoured. The corporation petition was referred by him to Sir Thomas Luke and others (S. P. Dom. Jas. I xciii 121. Mickleton MSS vol I.) In a private interview he seems to have scolded the bishop so much that the latter was grieved so much that he died in a few weeks.

[2] This tower was one of the defences of the city and stood to guard the bridge.

gave unto us the same againe and afterwards of your Gracious bountie confirmed them, under your great Sealle of England. We humblie beseech your Matie contynue your favour towards this Citty. And in token of our love and Loyaltie, craves the acceptance of this Myte [the cup delivred], and wee shalbe readie to the uttermost expense of our dearest bloud to defend you and yor royall proginy here on earth, with our prayers to god, to bless you and all yo^{rs} in all Eternitie.

After which Speech the Maior was called by his Ma^{ts} gentleman usher, to take his horse, and to ride before his Matie. Ymediatly upon which commandem't made by his Ma^{ts} gentleman Usher, there was at the same place aboute 40 yards distance certayne verses spoken by an apprentice of this Cittie, to his Matie as followeth, after which the Maior was placed, in ranck next the Sword, and so ride forwards carrieing the Cittie's Mace to the Church.

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MA^{tie}

Durhams old Cittie, thus salutes our King
Which intertayment, she doth homlie bring,
And cannot smyle upon his Matie
With shewe of greatness; but humilitie
Makes her expresse herself, in moderne guise
dejected to this north, bare to your eyes
For the great Prelate[1], which of late adorde
her dignities, and for which wee ymplorde
Your Highness aide, to have contynuance,
and so confirmd by your dread Soverance
Yet what our Royall James did graunt herein
[2]William our bishopp, hath oppugnant been.
Smale task to sway downe smalnes, where man's might
hath greater force, then equitie or right.
But these are only, in yor brest included
Your Subjects knowe them not, but are secluded
from yor most gracious graunt; therefore we pray
that the faire sunne shyne, of your brightest daie
Would smyle upon this Cittie, wth clere beames

[1] Bishop Matthew.
[2] Bishop William James.

to exhale the tempest of insueing streames
Suffer not great prince our ancient state[1]
by one forcd will, to be depopulate;
Tis one seeks our undoeing, but to you
ten thousand hearts shall pray, and knees shall bowe
And this dull cell of earth wherein wee live
unto yor name, ymortall prayse shall give
Confirme o^{r} graunt good King, Durham's old Citty
would be more powerfull, so it had James pittie

A RECORD OF THE FOUNDER and Creator of the Crosse now Scituate in the market-place of the Cittie of Duresme.[2]

To THE HONOR OF ALMIGHTIE GOD the ornament of the Cittie of Duresme and comoditie of the people frequentinge the market of Duresme, the market Crosse now there extant was framed with Twelve stone pillers and covered with lead at the sole charges and expenses of Thomas Emerson of the black Fryers in London Esquier in the yere of our Lord One thousand six hundrethe and seaventene. And in the fiftenthe yeare of the raigne of our souerayne Lord JAMES by the grace of God of England France and Ireland Kinge, defender of the faithe.

The xxvith daie of October 1620.

The Daie and yeare above written Mr Timothie Comyn now Maior of the Cittie of Durham and the Aldermen and Burgesses there whose names are subscribed to a peticon hereunder written assembled and mett together in the Tooleboothe within the said Cittie and there havinge the said peticon openly in there presence and hearinge read unto them after consultacon and good deliberacon had thereof and what answers they and everie of them wold make

[1] This is obviously a reference to ancient charters, now much magnified.

[2] The cross was of marble and had been set up in the upper part of Gilesgate. William Wright, a merchant of Durham, begged it from Armstrong Scot, the lord of Kepier, and it was re-erected in the market place at the expense of Thomas Spark, Bishop of Berwick and suffragan to Bishop Tunstal, at a cost of £8. It was probably much weathered by this time and Thomas Emerson, who had been a retainer of the Neville family and now lived in London provided the city with a new market cross, with a roof of lead supported by twelve pillars and on the pillars the arms of the Nevilles. In 1780 it was taken down and a Piazza of nine arches took its place and late in the nineteenth century this also was taken down.

and yeld thereunto they all and everie of them with there fre and absolute consents did offer and yeld unto the contents of the saide peticon which they have accordinglie so testified by the subscription of there names respectivelie to the saide peticon.

The peticon.

25 NOV: 1620. TO THE KINGES MOST EXCELLENT MA^{tie}

The humble peticon of the Knights gentl and freholders of the Countie palantyne of Durham together with the Mayor and Citizens of the Cittie of Durham.

A petition for burgesses in the parlament.

Who humblie showethe unto yor ma^{tie} That whereas this Countie is and ever hathe bene accounted a countie palantine and by reason thereof hath at no time heretofore had knightes for this Shier and Burgesses for Boroughes in yor highnes Court of Parliament as all other the Countries of this Kyngdome have. We therefore the Inhabitants of this Countie livinge under and beinge governed by the same Lawes of this your Kingdome that others are who participate and consent by the voices of there Knights and Burgesses to the makinge of the same lawes For this and manye other great and weightie reasons most humblie beseeche youre ma^{tie} that we may be admitted and called as other parts of your Kingdome are to have two knightes for the shier and two Burgesses for the Cittie of Durham who may give their voice & consent to the makinge of all suche lawes as hereafter shalbe thought fitt for the state of this your Kingdome we beinge a parcell thereof and your ma'ties most obedient subjects and we shall daylie praye for your ma'ties long and happie raigne over us.

The Maior Aldermen and Citizens of the Citty of Durham.

Timotheus Comyn Maior Civitatis Dunelm.

Sic subscript'

George Selby *vic*[1]	James lawson
Bartrā Bulmer	Chrofr Place
Henrie Anderson	Raiphe Blaxton
George Conyers	Henry Blaxton
John Calverley	John Richardson Ju:
Raiphe Fetherstonhalghe	John Willey

[1] Sir George Selby—High Sheriff of Durham 1608, 1617. d. 1625. *vic* = vice-comes.

John Hooke
Ns Hooke
Willm Smithe
John Blaxton
Willm Belassis
George Tonge
Thomas liddell
Willm Carr
Henrie Sanderson
chrofer Fulthropp
George Martyn
William Hall
Tho: pereson
Hughe wright
Jo: Pattison
Jo. Heighington
Rich: wright
Hughe Walton
George Walton
Nichs: Whitfield
Jo: Cooke
Jo: Swinburn
Jo: Bailes
Tho. Whitfeld
Rich: Whitfeld
Robert Pereson
Willm Keye
Geo: Rowell
chro Wann
John Highington Ju
John Chilton
John lee *Joyner*
Roland Norrishe
John Patteson *cord*
Joseph Patteson
Willm Smart
John lee *dier*

A true copie of the lre sent to the Bp touchinge the Graunt to be made to this Cittie.

Right Honourable.

Whereas it hath pleased y^r good Lpp upon your charitable disposicon and honourable respect unto this cittie not onlie to take into your consideracon the poore state thereof but to express your willingness and desier to better it by often invitinge us to bethink our selves of some fittinge course to be helde for the good of it yet hitherto you have deferred to doe any thinge therein in respect we were not in anye nere hope of a parliament whereby we might seeke to gett such graunt as it should please your Lpp to make unto us to be confirmed. Now seinge it hathe pleased god that the opportunitie of a parliament is offered and for that we wold not be wantinge to our selves in our own cause the rather beinge so much incouraged by your honorable favoures we have desired mr Willm Hall to repaire to your Honour and have authorised him to treat with your lpp concerninge the good of this Cittie and whatsoever your lpp and he shall resolve touchinge the same we willinglie submitt ourselves

unto it. And because mr Hall doth perfectlie understand the whole state of this poor Cittie we forbeare to prescribe unto him anye certaine directions in particuler but referre all thinges in generall unto him to be carried and perfected by advice of counsell in suche sort as your Lpp and he shall conclude upon them And so wth our bounden dueties remembered to your good lpp we humblie take our leave. From Durham the xxith of Januarie

Your Lps most bounden at
Comamdement
Timothie Comyn.

Thus endorsed
To the right Honourable and reverend father in god Rchard by gods divine providence lord Bp of Durham our verie good lord att Durham House in the Strand atte london.

A true copie of the Lre of Atturneye made to m^{r} William Hall touchinge the affaires of the saide Cittie.

Be it knowen unto all men by these presentes That we Timothie Comyn Maio^{r} Aldermen and Comonaltie of the Cittie of Durham and Framwelgate do by these p'nts with our full consent and assent ordeyne and make our trustye and wellbeloved william hall Alderman of the same Cittie our lawfull Atturney Solicitor and Agent for the saide Corporacon and Citties affaires now to be done and solicited att London to the ryght Honoble and reverend Father in God Richard by god's divine providence Lord Bp of Durham for and concerninge the agrement and offerringe of the graunt of the corporacon to the saide Cittie Ratifieinge and allowinge and also promisinge to performe whatsoever our saide Atturney shall doe or consent to be done in the premisses for the publick good of the said corporacon Cittie & Comonaltye. And this our Lre of Atturney to contynue dureinge the pleasure of this saide Maior Aldermen and Comonaltie—In witness hereof we have hereunto sett the comon seale of our office and Cittie this xxith daie of Januarie Ao Rni dni nri Jacobi Regis domini Angliae Franciae et hiberniae decimo octavo Et Scotiae Quinquage^{mo} quarto Annoque dni 1620.

Mr Tho Cooke gift.

xxiiij of Marche 1621. At a metinge of the Maior, Aldermen and xxiiij^{or} in the Tooleboothe within the Cittie of Durham Whereas

Thomas Cooke late one of the Aldermen of the Cittie of Durham did by his last will and testament give and bequeathe unto the saide Cittie Five pounds to buye a Cupp to goe and be used yearlie by everie succedent Maior for the tyme beinge of the saide Cittie. Accordinge to which limitacon Elizabeth Cooke Late wife of the saide deceased and Thomas Cooke his Nephew Executors of the deceased his will came the daie and yeare aforesaide into the saide Toleboothe and there in the presence of the Maior, Aldermen and others whose names are subscribed did deliver to the hands of mr Nicholas Whitfeld now maior of the saide cittie one guilded cupp conteyninge more in Weight than the summe of Five pounds aforesaide which the Mr Maior did accept of thankfully and to be used accordinge to suche purpose as the saide Thomas Cook by his will had disposed and intended the same And for a perpetuall testimonye and thankfulnes of the kind gift it was generallie concluded that a poesie should be engraven upon the said cupp signifieing by whom the said cupp was given in these words.[1]

Quarto die Octobris 1622.

*Mr Jo: Lampton p. fin.xx*li.

Whereas Mr John Lampton drap(er) one of the Aldermen of the Cittie of durhā was the daye above said in the tooleboothe Lawfully elected and chosen by the late Maior Aldermen and Comonalty of the Cittie of Durha and Framwelgat unto the office of maioralty and to be and contynue Maior for one whole year then next ensuing After which election and choosinge made the said Mr John Lambton being called and required to take the said office of maioralty upon him and to be Maior he utterlye in the p'sence of the said late maior aldermen and comonalty refused and denyed upon which his refusall & deniall the saide late Maior Aldermen and Comonalty have assessed and imposed upon him a fyne of Twentie pounds.

Ny Whitfield maior	Hugh Walton Ald.
Willim Hall Ald.	George Walton Ald.
Thomas Pearson Ald.	Willyam Taylore
Hughe Wright Ald.	Timothy Comyns Ald.
John Highington Ald.	Thos Swynburn Ald.
ald. Richard Wright	John Bayles

[1] Neither the words nor the signatures are given.

Richard Whitfield
Nicholas Hutcheson
Willm Phillipson
Tho: Richardson
Thomas pearson
Edward Nickson
Robert pearsonn
Gilbert Stott
Richi Grinwell
Thomas Cornefourthe
× Ricd Kemp
× Jo Snaaball
× Jo Hutspeth

Eodem Quarto die Octobris 1622.

Mr Tho: pearson fin. x[li].

Whereas Mr Thomas Peareson one of the Aldermen of the Cittie of Durham was the daye aforesaid in the Toolebooth Lawfullye elected and chosen by mr Nicholas Whitfeld maior and by the Aldermen and Comonalty of the Cittie of Durham and Framwelgate unto the office of Maioraltye and to be and contynue Maio[r] for one whole yeare then next ensueinge After which election and choose made as aforesaide the said mr Thomas Peareson beinge then and there present and required to take the said office of maioraltie upon him and to be maior according to the saide election The saide mr Peareson in the presence of the saide Maior Aldermen and Comonaltie refused and absolutelie denied to accept thereof upon which his refusall and deniall the saide Maio[r] Aldermen and Comonaltye have assessed and imposed upon the saide mr Thomas Peareson a fyne of Ten poundes.

Ny Whitfeild maior
Hugh Wright
Richard Wright
Hugh Walton
Tho: Swynburn
John heighington
George Walton
Willm phillipson
John Bayles
× wylaym hutcheson
nycholas hutcheson
× Raph. Keempe
Thomas Peareson
× John Snowball
× John hutcheson
Thomas richardson
Richard Grenewell
× Willm Taylor
× Jerrard Brantingham
Gilbert Stott
× John Lee
Edward Nixon
Robert Pearsonne
Nicolas ladley
Thomas Areson
Anthony Emerson
Willyam March

Quarto die octobris 1622.

mr Jo: Heighinton p. fine v[li].

Whereas Mr. John heighington one of the Aldermen of the Cittie of Durham was the abovesaid daie in the Tooleboothe within the said Cittie Lawfullie elected and chosen by Mr Nicholas Whitfeld Maior & by the Aldermen and Comonalty of the Cittie of Durhā & Framwelgate unto the office of Maioraltie and to be and continue Maior for one whole yeare then next ensueinge After which election and choice so made The saide mr John Heighington being then and there present and required to take the saide office of maioraltie upon him and to be Maio[r] according to the saide election, the saide Mr heighington in the presence of the saide Maio[r] Aldermen and Comonaltye absolutelye refused and denyed to accept thereof upon which his refusall & deniall the saide Maior Aldermen & Comonaltie have assessed and imposed upon the saide mr John Heighington a fyne of five poundes.

Ny Whitfeild Maior
Hugh Wright
Richard Wright
Hugh Walton
George Walton
Tho: Swynburn
John × Lee
Edward Nixon
Robert Pearsone
Nicolas Ladley
Thomas Wright
Thomas Richardson

Willyam March
Willm phillipson
× John Bayles
Willaym hutcheson
nycholas hutcheson
× Raphe Keempe
Thomas peerson
× John Snowball
× John hutcheson
× Richard Grenewell
× Willm Tayler
Jerrard Brantingham
Gilbert Stott

Quarto die Octobris 1622.

Whereas the daie above written it hathe bene usuallie accustomed for the maio[r] Aldermen and comonaltie to elect and choose one of the Aldermen to be Maio[r] of the Cittie of Durham for the yere then next ensueing And for so muche as accordinge to the saide custom Thre Aldermen were in election for the office of maioraltie but after they were thereunto elected every one of them successively after other did refuse to accept and take upon them the saide office of

maioraltie but were more willinge and contented to undergoe such fyne as should be imposed upon them. Therefore upon better consideracōn had in this respect It is concluded consented and agreed upon by the generall consent of the said maior yet beinge and the said Aldermen and Comonaltie that the said election of the succeding Maior should be continued untill fridaye next, beinge the Eleventhe day of october instant betwen the howers of eight and nyne of the clock in the forenoon that daye where the now Maio^{r} together with the said Aldermen & Comonaltye shall be also present at the said election in the tooleboth within the Cittie of Durhā.

XVI° die Octobris 1624.

m^{r} Jo lamptō p. fin. xx^{li}.

Whereas mr John Lambton of the Cittie of Durham, drap' and alderman of the same Cittie was the fourth of October instant elected and chosen maior of the said Cittie for the yeare then following And the said m^{r} John Lambton being made acquainted with the same election doth refuse to undertake the same office.[1] It is therefore this day agreed by the aldermen & xxiiij whose names are subscrybed that the said John Lambton shall pay for suche refusall xx^{li}.

Hughe Wright late maior
Willim Hall
Thomas Pearson
John Patteson
John Heighington
Hugh Walton
George Walton
John phillipson
John Heighington
Christopher harryson
Robert Pearsone
× Willm Hutchinson
Nicholas hutcheson
Thomas Pearson
Thomas Corneforth
Timoth: Comyns
Ny Whitfeild
Tho: Swynburn
× Ralph Kempe
Richard Whitfield
Gilbert Stott
× John hutcheson
Rychard Gammell
× Anthony Emarson
× John Snowball
Tho. Richardson
× Willyam Marche
× George Rowell

[1] John Lambton was again elected later on and was made mayor in 1626.

iiij October 1625.

Mr Tho pearson p. fin. x^li^.

Whereas mr Thomas p'son of the Citty of Durham mercer and Alderman of the same Citty was elected and chosen Maior of the said Citty for the year then following And the said Mr Thomas Pearson being present at the same election doth refuse to undertake the same office It is therefore this day agreed by the Aldermen & xxiiij whose names are subscribed that the said Thomas Pearson shall pay for such his refusall—ten pounds.

Hugh Walton
T. Swynburn
Willim Hall
Richard Wright
Nicholas Hutcheson
Thomas Cornfurth
Richard Grenewell
Thomas Richardson
George Rowell
Thomas p'son *smith*
John Snawball
Gilbert Stott
Robert Pearsone
× Willyam Bell
× Raphe Kemp
Hugh Wright
George Walton
Ny Whitfeild
Timothy Comyns

xii° October 1625.

m^r^ Jo: Heighingto p. fin. x^li^.

Whereas Mr. John heighington of the Citty of Durham mercer and Alderman of the said Citty was elected and chosen Maior of the said Citty for the yeare then following And the said m^r^ J° heighington being then absent sent absolute Answere by his sonne m^r^ John Heighington that he was very infirme and weake of body and not able to exercise the place nether wold he stand to it and therefore by the consent of the Maior Aldermen & the mor^e^ pt of the xxiiij° Comoners fyne him x^li^.

Hugh Walton: mai^r^
T. Swynburn
Willim Hall
Hughe Wright
Richard Wright
George Walton
Ny: Whitfeildd
Richard Whitfeild
Timoth: Comyns

24 Martii 1627 Ao R. Rs. Caroli &c tertio.

A demise of Spettell close to Gilbert Stoot for 13 years at 30^{s} p. ann & he to build a house on it within 3 yers.

M^{d} that we the Maio^{r} & Aldermen within the Cittie of Durham whose names are hereund^{r} written at this meeteinge & with there full consents are content & agreed that Gilbt Stott Carpenter one of the freemen of the same Citty shall have & enioye one close belonging to the said Citty called Spittle Close[1] in Framwelgate & now in the possession of the said Gilbt for the terme of thirtene years from the date hereof he yeldeing xxx^{s} p. ann the 4th day of September onely to the Maio^{r} of Durham for the tyme being for thuse of the said Cittie & also the building a house on the land within the space of thre yeres next which house & close he p'miseth & agreeth to leave att the end of the said Terme in quiet possession to the then Maio^{r} of the said Cittie to thuse of the said Cittie & both the house soe to be built as likewise the walls & hedges of the said Clothes to be by him his heires exe^{rs} & adm^{ors} or some of them in good & sufficient repaire at the end of the said terme.

Signed by Gilbert Stott in the pre'ce of Gilbert Stott.
Testes
Edward Anderson
Richard Suertes

Willm Phillipson Maior
T. Swinburn vic North. . . .[2]
et Aldermanus dunellm
Hughe Wright
Thomas pearson
Jo: Lambton
George Walton
Ny. Whitfeilde
Richard Whitfeilde
John Heighington
Nicholas Hutchinson

xxviij° die Julii 1628.

It is ordered and agreed that the Maior and Aldermen of the Cittie

[1] Spittleflat, a plot of 14 acres on which was a Leper Hospital (hence the name) dedicated to St. Leonard. After this hospital disappeared the land fell into private hands. To the south of Spittleflat is Chapelflat, land on which St. Cuthbert's Church now stands. In the seventeenth century the history of Spittleflat is not clear. Spittle Close may have been only a part of it, but at the time with which we are here concerned it was in the hands of the Corporation.

[2] Sir Thos. Swinburn of Edlingham, Sheriff of Northumberland 1628-9. Fined for refusing Mayoralty in 1633. Had a house in Elvet. Died 1645.

of Durham whose names are here under written doe accord that upon the next Sundaie being the third of August next all shall meete at the Cathedrall churche & there receave the holie communion together and there offer everie man x^{s} vi^{d} a peece viz For the beautifinge the Maior and Aldermen seet with a Cushion for the Maior seete & and the seetes couered.

Willm Phillipson Maior	Timothie Comyn
Hughe Wright	Ny. Whitfeild
thomas pearson	Richard Whitfeild
Hugh Walton	John Heighington
George Walton	Chr: Hutchinson

DIE . . . ANNO REGNI DN^{i} NO^{ri} CAROLI
DEI GRATIA REGIS ANGLIAE SCOTIAE FRANCIAE ET
HIBERNIAE QUINTO ANNO DMI 1629

Memorandum that the daie and yeare abovesaid Richard Whitfeilde nowe Maior of the Cittie of Durham within the Countie of Durham, Esquie^{r}, and the Alldermen thereof beinge assembled, and met togither, have agreed, and consented that Richard Whitfeilde sonne of the saied Richard Whitfeilde shall have, holde and enioy, all that shoppe with th appt'encs under the Tolbooth in the Market place of Durham & shall have a Lease thereof made to him, by the Maior and Alldermen under there Comon Seale, for soe manie yeares as are to come therein (upon a Lease thereof made by Richard late Lorde Bpp of Durham, to the Maio^{r} & Alldermen) and the anncient yearely Rent to the saied Maio^{r} & Alldermen. In wittnes whereof, they have caused this to be acted, and have subscribed there names, the daie, and yeare abovesaid.

ULTIMO DIE SEPTEMBRIS ANNO REGIS CAROLI NUNC
ANGL &C SEXTO 1629

Memorandum that the daie & yeare above said John Heighington now Maior of the Citty of Durham wthin the Countie of Durham Esquire and the Aldermen of the same Citty being assembled and mett together have agreed and consented that Richard Whitfeild sonne of Richard Whitfeild of the same citty Alderman shall have hold and enioy all that shopp with app'tences under the Tolbooth in the Markett place of Durham and shall have a lease thereof

made to him by the Maior and Aldermen under their comon seale for so many yeares as are to ronne therein (uppon a lease thereof made by Richard, late Lord Bishopp of Durham to the Maior and Aldermen of the same Citty) yeelding and paying therefore dureing the said lease yearlie the some of twentie shillings of lawfull English money att the Feast of Saint Martyn the Bishopp in wynter and Pentecost by equall porc̄ons to the said Maior and Aldermen. In witness whereof they have caused this to be Acted and have subscribed there names the daye and yeare aforesaid.

Tertio die Octobris 1630.

It is this day consented and agreed by the Maior and the Aldermen whose names are under written that the said Richard Whitfeild in the Act above mencyoned shall have a lease of the said shopp above mencyoned according as by the said Act is agreed upon. In witness whereof we have hereunto sett our hands the daye & yeare above written paying therefor the fyne of twenty pounds and paying the anncyent rent.

tertio die Octobris 1630.

The Maior and Aldermen now present are contented, agreed, unto Mr . . . Richardson's letter to give tenn pounds for the purchase of the Spittle Close and the Chappell and the garth thereto belonging.

Decimo die Martii Anno dmni 1639.

The Maior and Aldermen now present and the most pt of the fower and twenty being also present, doe all consent that a peticon shall be preferred to the now Lord Bpp of Durham to desyre his assistance for the procuring of burgesses in parlyament for this Citty of Durham in such manner and way as the freholders of the county doe for Knights for the shire. In witness whereof the persons assenting have hereunder sett there hands.

Hugh Walton maior
Will: Belasys
Thomas pearson
Ra: Allenson
Richard Whitfeild
Tho: Cooke
Tho: Tonstall
Christo: Cookson
T. Swinburn
John Walton

Richard Herryson
Richard Jackson
× Tho: Weemes
× Jarrad Brantingham
× Gilbert Lowson
× Tho: Pearson
Raiph Nicalson
Phillip Gibson
× Edward Fawell
Henry Stevenson
Robert Barwick
William Bell
John Rowell
× George Hunter
William March
Thomas Browne

To the Right honorable and Right Reverend father in god Thomas by gods divine providence Lord Bpp. of Durham.

The humble petition of the maior and Cittizens of the Cittie of Durham.

Who humbly show unto your Lopp. that whereas heretofore the said Cittie of Durham hath allwaies ioined with the County in such waies and Courses as have beine proposed and thought fitt for the procuringe of Burgesses in Parliment for the said Cittie as the Countrey hath done for Knightes for the said Countye And wheras your piticioners are now geven to understand that the Knights gentlemen and freehoulders have solicited your Lopp. and obtained your assent and assistance therein.

May it therefore please your good Lopp. to grant into your peticinors the like gratious favour that they may be ioined with the Cuntrey in maner as aforesaid as formerley they have beene. And your peticioners shall dalye praye for your Lopp^{s} good health and happines.

At Bishop Ackland 17° March 1639 ivxta &c According to the humble dessire of the Peticiners above named I do freelye give my consent in theire procedings for the procuring and obtaininge of Burgesses in Parliment for the said Cittie of Durham.

Tho: Duresme

Memorand' that the xviith day of Aprill Ano dni 1640 the Mayor and Aldermen then present whose names are hereunder written did upon the proposall & recommendacon of the Right Reverend Father in God Thomas now Lord Bishop of Durham consent & give way unto so far as in them lyes that Nicholas Joyce upon his earnest

request to them made shall and may sett up use and exercise the Art of an Apothecary within the Citty of Durham so that he use & exercise the said Art of an Apothecary without any preiudice or trenching upon any trade or company within the said Citty.

Hugh Walton: Maior
Thomas pearson alderman
Richard whitfeild
Ra: Allenson Aldrman
Tho: Cooke Alderman
Tho: Tonstall
Christo: Cookson

Tolbooth.

xxi die Octobris 1642. Anno xviij° Caroli Rs.

At a Meeteing held in the Tolebooth the day & yeare above written by Mr Raph Allenson now Maior, and the Aldrmen whose names are Subscribed it is ordered agreed and assented unto that there shall from henceforth be payed as a pension unto Francis Tempest Esqr Counsellor at law as Steward or Recorder for the said Citty the some of fower pounds a yeare dureing his Naturall life or soe long as he shall soe Continue Steward or Recorder at Two Tearmes in the yeare vizt at Martinmas & Whitsonday by even & equall portions the first payment to begin at Martinmas next comeing.

Ra: Allenson Maior
T: Swinburn
hugh Walton
Rich Whitfeild
Tho: Tunstall
Thomas Cooke
Chro: Cookson
John Hall
Cuth: Hutchinson

The Call of the Markett.

Whereas a Faire hath bene accustomeably holden and kept in this Cittie of Durham and the precincts thereof upon the Feasts of St Cuthbert in September, St Cuthbt in March[1], and upon the Tewesday in Whitsonweke yearly to continue for the space of two dayes together. Therefore be it knowen to all persons that according to the said Custome the said Faire shalbe kept in this Cittie of

[1] The Feasts of St. Cuthbert were on March 20th and September 4th, the latter being the Feast of his Translation.

Durham in the places accustomed for the space of two whole dayes where it shall be lawfull for all manner of persons to buy, sell, and utter all manner of marchandizes, wares, goods and chattells brought to the said Faire to be there bought, sold and uttered paying the Toules, and duties accustomed. And these are to chardge all men not to Adventure, and be soe bold as to Cary any unlawfull weapons in the said Faire or precincts thereof as namely Bill staves, halbert, pike staves, Javeling,[1] lamesase[2] or anie other such like weapon but to leave them without the precinct of the said Faire upon paine of Forfiture of the said weapons, and their bodies to be imprisoned as the law ag^{t} disturbers of his ma^{tie} peace requireth Alsoe these are Stricktly to chardge and command all manner of persons to kepe his ma^{ts} peace dureing the said Faire upon such paines as the law requireth. And if it happen any contraversy to arise by any contract in Bargaine made in the said Faire That then forthwith the ptie bring their action before Mr Maior and the Steward in the Court of pypowder[3] holden in the said Cittie where they shall undergoe and receive therein as the lawe requireth.

Patent Jo. Turnor Ar.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit, nos, Maior, Aldermani et Comunitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos, prefatos Maiorem, Aldermanos et Comunitatem civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, ordinasse et constituisse et per presentes ordinare et constituere dilectum nobis in Christo Johannem Turner de Midle Temple in comitatu Midl', armigerum, conciliarium ad legem, Recordatorem sive Seneschallum nostrum, ad tenend' omnes et omnimodas curias nostras et fore Recordatorem sive Seneschallum nostrum curiarum predictarum et rotulorum et recordorum earundem curiarum et ad omnia et singula faciend', exercend', et exequend' que ad officium Recordatoris sive Seneschalli predictum pertinent et requiruntur. Nosque etiam, prefati Maior, Aldermanni et Comunitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, prefatum Johannem Turnor Recorditorem sive Seneschallum nostrum omnium et singularum curiarum let[4] sive visusfranciplegii[5] et aliarum curiarum

[1] Javelin. [2] Lancegay—a light lance.

[3] *Court of Pie Poudre.*—The Court of Dusty Feet, sometimes called the Pedlars' Court. It was held at fairs and markets and settled disputes on the spot. There is, or was till recently, a court of that name, still held at Bristol by the Recorder.

[4] leet. [5] view of Frankpledge.

nostrarum quarumcumque infra dictam civitatem Dunelm. et Framwelgate vel aliquarum aliarum, ad tenend' easdem curias et quamlibet earum, ordinamus et constituimus per presentes, habend', gaudend', exercend' et occupand' predictum officium Recordatoris sive Seneschalli et alia premissa quecumque et quodlibet eorum eidem Johanni Turnor[1] per seipsum aut per sufficientem deputatum suum sive deputatos suos coniunctim et divisim ad terminum vite naturalis eiusdem Johannis. Et ulterius sciatis nos, prefatos Maiorem, Aldermanos et Comunitatem civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, dedisse et concessisse prefato Johanni Turnor et assignatis suis, tam pro officio suo predicto exercendo et occupando quam de concilio suo nobis antehac impenso et imposterum impendendo, quamdam annuitatem sive annuale feodum octogint' solidorum legalis monete Anglie, ad festa Pentecost et Sancti Martini episcopi in hieme per equales porciones eidem Johanni Turnor vel assignatis pro termino vite naturalis annuatim solvend' per nos et successores nostros, unacum omnibus aliis proficuis, comoditatibus, vadiis et regardis quibuscumque dicto officio qualitercumque spectantibus sive pertinentibus. Mandamus insuper universis et singulis servientibus, ballivis et ministris nostris et eorum cuilibet, quod prefato Johanni Turnor et deputato sive deputatis suis de tempore in tempus assistentes sint, obedientes et auxiliantes, et prompti, parati et volentes ad omnia et quodlibet has predictas nostras concessiones concernentia et tangentia facienda, peragenda et exequenda, que ab iis ratione et virtute officii sui exegi possint et requiruntur. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes et eisdem sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus. Dat' apud Dunelm. predict', xi die Augusti, anno etc. xxiii. 1647.

Quarto die Octobris Anno dni 1649.
Tolbooth.

Mr John Ayreson Maior	Mr John Hall *vintner*
Mr Hugh Walton	Mr Williā Bell
Mr Chro Cookson	Mr John Hall
Mr John Hall *drap*	Mr John Richardson

We doe order and agree that the Reverc̄on. of the Toules and profittes of the Towne be purchased yf by any meanes that we can use we can purchase the same. And that the said Toules and profitts

[1] John Turner of Kirkleatham, was Recorder 1647-86. He was the son of Sir William Turner Kt. of Kirkleatham, was a counsellor-at-law and in 1669 became serjeant-at-law. In 1662 he bought the manor of Kildale, Yorks.

shall be sequestered into the hande of Two Aldermen and Two of the Comon Councell or the Maior part of them. And that they in whose hands the same shalbe soe sequestred shall pay to the hande of ev^r^y Maior for the time being for his owne proper use dureing the time of the sequestracon aforesaid the some of Twentie pounds. And to the Recorder for the time being and his deputie their usuall Fees. And that ev'y Maior for the time being dureing the time of the said sequestration shall receive and take to and for his owne use the Fines and p'quisites of Courts as other Maiors for the time being have usually had, taken and received.

Present & consenting to this order those of the xxiiij^tie^ whose names [are] subscribed, vizt.

Mr Anth Bailes
Mr John Chilton
Mr Geo Shyers
Thomas Kenelaside
Rich. Jackson
Roland Atkinson
Edwd Rodham
hugo Stott
Thomas Holme
Thomas Rennyson
John Gray
Cuth. Bainbrigge
Rich Lee
John March
John Rutledge
Edward Fawell
Robert Bluntt
Thomas Pearson
John Snawball
Thomas Browne
Bern'd Forcer
Gilbert Lowson
Chro. Scurry

John Turner Esq recorder p'sent.

Tolebooth.

Duodecimo die Aprilis Anno dni Millo Sexcen^mo^ Quinquagesimo.

An Order made in the Tolebooth the day & yeare above said by Mr John Ayreson Maior & the Aldermen & other of the Comon Councell of the Cittie of Durham & Framwelgate then presentt & wth the Advice of John Turner Esquier Recorder then alsoe presentt.

First that there should be payed for the Reversion of the profitts of the Toules & rights due to the Towne the some of Fowertene Score pounds according as the same was Contracted for.

That Mr John Hall, draper, nowe Lessee of the said Toules Rights & profitts for certaine yeares yett in being shall demise to Mr John

Ayreson now Maior M^{r} hugh Walton, Alderman, Mr Anthony Smith & Mr Richard Lee 2 of the Comon Councell men for Six years to come next ensewing after the Fourth of October next vizt The Scavage Corne.[1]

The Toules of horses, Beasts & shepe & all other catle whatsoever.

The land Mayle rentt.

Ayle Ferry and Swine Ferry.

The rentt of the Spittle Close & Chappell garth paying 7^{s} 7^{d} out rent.

The profitt of Wooll weighing & the use of the Toolebooth to weigh Wooll.

And that out of the p'fitt thereof there should be payed & allowed as followeth dureing the said six years.

To the Maior for the time being yearely the some of Twenty pounds.

To the Recorder for the time being yearly for his fee fouer pounds.

To the Clerk for the time being yearly Twenty shillings.

To the Two Seriants ev'y second yeare Two Cloaks as form'ly they have had.

That the Seriants shall receive the Pettie Toules (as form'ly) dureing the said six yeares.

And that Mr Maior for the time being shall have & take to his owne use the p'quisitts of Court dureing the said six yeares.

Tolebooth.

The Thirtith day of Aprill 1663. Anno xv Caroli Rs nunc &c.

A Speciall meteing in the Tolebooth by Mr Maior & the Aldermen under written in the presence of John Turner Esq Steward.

[1] Schevage, Scevage, Skewage, Scavage, Scavell Corn was a very ancient toll on goods exposed for sale. It was exacted by the bailiff at the time of the opening of the market on the ringing of the corn bell. The vendor of grain, oatmeal or salt had to pay a bowlful (the bowl being supposed to contain a pint) out of every bushel of twelve gallons. By a chancery suit held in Durham in 1637 Sir Richard Hutton decided that the dish or bowl must be reduced in size to hold only a pint, and the contents not to be heaped up. The official dish was to be sealed and brought to the head borough court to be viewed by the mayor, steward, clerk and suitors present. From time out of mind the bishop had received the scavage corn at all markets and fairs within his territories. At the same court in 1637 Sir Richard Hutton ordered that in future the corn bell should be rung at noon, and if it were not rung then the business should commence all the same.

The Maior & Aldermen present

Mr Stephen Thompson Maior	Mr John Stokoe
Mr Henry Rowell	Mr John Peacock
Mr Mathew Bailes	Mr Ambrose Myers
Mr George Shyres	Mr Henry Wanlesse
Mr Thomas Mascall	

The xxiiij present

Mr Willm Wilkinson	*Mercer*	Nicholas Paxton	
Mr John Hall the		Thomas harreson	*Carpenter*
younger	*drap*	John Snowball	*Smith*
Cuthbt Bainbriggs	*Cord^rs*	Chrofer Skirry	*Rough Mason*

Ordered that the Maior & Aldermen shall enter into Seven sev'rall Bills to pay Mr Turner Thirty pounds a Yeare for seven Yeares yearly at Candlemas & St Peter Advincula by even portions untill the sume of one hundred & fifty pounds shalbe payed which he disbursed to the now lord Bp of durham for the Lease of the Toules & profitt of the Towne.

Tolebooth. At a publique Meteing of the Maior, Aldermen & Comonaltie of the Citie of durham & Framwelgate in Comon Councell Assemled here in the Tolebooth there the Twenty Seventh day of November Anno R.Rs Caroli nunc Angli &c Scdi Quinto decimo 1663.

Present at the Meeteing.

Mathew Bailes Maior

Aldermen	*Aldermen absent*
John Ayeson	John Hall sen.
Henry Rowell	George Shyres
Stephen Thompson	Henry Wanless
Williā Jordon	John Peacock
Thomas Mascall	John Hall Jun
John Stokoe	
Ambrose Myers	

The xxiiij present

Jerard Welbury
Rich. Paxton
Thomas Browne, *Taylor*
Edr Smith
John Chilton
Rich Kenelaside
Thos Phillipson
Robt Fisher
Robt Knaggs
Geo: hunter

Absent

Pexall Foster, Willm Wilkinson, Willm Mitchell, Jo: Kirkhouse, Jo Gray, Rowland Stott, Tho Taylor, Rich hickson, John Snawball, Thomas Browne *Carpenter,* Tho harrison, Chrofer Turner, George Kirkby.[1]

To the Reverend the Deane and the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Durham of Christ and Blessed Mary the Virgin.

The petition of the Maior Aldermen and Comonalty of the City of Durham and Framwelgate.

Showeth That whereas the Right Reverend Father in god John now lord Bp of Durham hath by lease in writeing under his County pal^{ine} Seale graunted & demised to Certaine of your petitioners the Tolebooth, Tolls & other priviledges of the City of Durham and Framwelgate aforesaid Dureing Three lives for the Better Support and Maintenaunce of the Maioralitie of the said City & Framwelgate.

Your petitioners therefore desire That the said Lease soe graunted as aforesaid be Confirmed under your Chapter Seale for & dureing the said Tearme as hath been formerly done by your predecessors and as bound

Y^{r} petitioners shall pray &c.

Ordered by the Mayor Aldermen & Comonalty now Assembled That the petition here mentioned be forthwith fairely ingrossed & Signed by Mr George Kirkby, Clerk, by order of the said Councell which was done accordingly.

Ordered that the severall Aldermen now absent who have bin warned to be at this meeteing and have not appeared, be, and are hereby fined according to former order in that behalfe for such their neglect.

Ordered likewise that the severall Comon Councell men who have

[1] Bottom of page worn away here.

bene alsoe warned to be at the meeteing and have not appeared be & are hereby fined according to former order in that behalfe for such their neglect.

Tolbooth.

The nynth day of February 1663 A° xvj Caroli scdi R nunc &c.

Nicholas Toward of Wolsingham Tanner brought Certeine Tanned hydes to this City to be sold here, foure of which were suspected not to be sufficiently Tanned & dryed And Thomas Wrenn of the same brought other hydes to be here sold, Two of which were likewise Suspected not to be Sufficiently Tanned & dryed.

These six honest men whose names are subscribed were made choyce of to search the said Tanned hides & Try whether they be well Tanned & well dryed or noe.

And all of them Sworne before Mr Mathew Bailes now Maior of the City of Durham in forme Following

W^th^ this exortation.

You good men that are here mett together to search this Leather here in your veiwe your dutie is to try, and see that the same be well & sufficiently Tanned and dryed or noe.

Therefore you shall Sweare That you shall Search, Try & See whether the same Leather be well & sufficiently Tanned & dryed according to the Statute in that behalfe lately made & provided, And you shall not for feare, favour, or hope of Reward doe anything in findeing the same either well or not well & sufficiently Tanned & dryed but according to the trueth thereof. And if you finde that the said Leather is not sufficiently Tanned & well dryed But horned & not merchauntable & profitable to his Ma^t^ Subjects you are to say soe, And if it be sufficient & Merchantable you are to say soe, and noe more so help you god.

Theire verdict after veiwe &c in these words.

We doe finde the said Six hydes to be in part not well & Sufficiently Tanned and dryed according to the Statute. And we Suppose that the same may be Amended if it be Tanned againe and well dryed.

And Subscribed by

Jarrard Welberrye
Richard hutchinson
Robert Newby
Nicholas Paxton
Thomas Key and
Edward Stelling

Tolebooth.

At a Meeting of the Maior Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Durham and Framwelgate holden & kept in the Tolebooth there the Eightenth day of February 1663 Anno R Rs Caroli nunc Angl etc Scdi Sextodecimo by Mr Maior Aldermen & Comon Councell Men present whose names are subscribed.

Aldermen

Mr Mathew Bailes, Maior	Mr Willm Jordon
Mr John Ayreson	Mr Thomas Mascall
Mr Henry Rowell	Mr John Stoko
Mr Stephen Thompson	Mr Henry Wanles
Mr George Shyres	

The xxiiij present

Edward Smith	*Taylors*	Rich paxton	
Thomas Browne		Robt Knaggs	*Weaver*
Richard hutchinson	*Tanner*	Robt Fisher	*Sadler*
George Kirkby the		Thomas Browne	*Carpe'ts*
younger	*Skinner*	Thomas Harrison	*& Joyners*
John Grey	*dyer*	Chrofer Skirry	*Rough Maysons*
Jerard Welberry	*Cords*	Thomas phillipson	

Whereas this City and Corporation is at present indebted unto John Turner Esqr Recorder thereof the Summe of one hundred Eightene pounds and ten Shillings by him lentt touching the purchase of the Lease of the Toles of the said City. And whereas the Sume of Seven pounds p Ano of the interest of an hundred pounds principall Money was heretofore given & bequeathed by the last Will and Testamnt of one hugh hutchinson deceased to be distributed by the Maior of Durham for the time being to certeine pious uses within the said City & the principall Sume thereby intrusted in the hands of the said Maior & of the Aldermen of the said City, which said Maior for the time being hath ever since Stood chardged with & lent out the same & distributed the said interest thereof according to the said will. Now for the satisfying of the said Mr Turner in the premisses and Secureing of the said Seven pounds p Ann according to the said Bequest and Rayseing againe of the said one hundred

pounds It is hereby ordered by the present Maior Aldermen & Comonaltie of the City of Durham & Framwelgate (now present & in Comon Councell Assembled) that the said sume of one hundred pounds shall be forthwith Called in, and Received by the said Maior & by him payed over to the said Mr Turner for his said satisfaction. And that the said Maior & all other Maiors for the future Maiors of the said City (for the time being) for the space of seven Yeares now next ensewing, shall (out of the profitts of the Tolls of the said city) pay and satisfie yearelie the said Seven pounds p. Ano according to the intent of the said will and also Advance & Add Thirtene pounds p Ano more, dureing the said Tearme Towards the Rayseing againe of the said one hundred pounds soe entrusted as aforesaid. And that each Maior (for the time being) doe at his entrance upon the said Maioralitie give securitie by Bond (with one Sufficient Surety) to the Lessees of the said Tolls (for the time being) or their Assignees for the paym^t^ of the said Seven pound pAnn according to the said Will (*17*^li^) and Advannceing of Thirtene pound More for each yeare with what hath bene then already Raysed thereof by former Maiors together with the said interest of such More Moneye soe then Raysed (at Eight pounds p Cent pAnn) for & dureing all such time as he shall Continue Maior of the said City. And that he shall also within Twenty dayes next after the Election of a new Maior pay over & Satisfie unto such new Maior the said Moneye (*17*^li^) soe then Raysed, and in his chardge with the inte'st thereof & together with the said Thirtene pounds pAnn Soe by him to be Advanced and added as aforesaid And that in default thereof the said Lessees shall Sequester and Take the said Tolls themselves to and for the uses aforesaid.

Tolebooth.

At a meeting of the Maior & Aldermen & Comonalty of the City of Durham & Framwelgate holden in the Tolebooth there the First day of Aprill 1664 by the said Maior & Aldermen & Comon Councell whose names are subscribed.

Maior & Aldermen present

Mr Mathew Bailes, Maior	Mr Steven Thompson
Mr John Ayreson	Mr George Shyres
Mr Henry Rowell	Mr Willm Jorden

Mr Thomas Mascall
Mr John Stoko
Mr John peacock
Mr Ambrose Myers
M^r henry Wanlesse

The xxiiij present

Mercers
None
Drapers & taylors
Ed. Smith
Thomas Browne
Glov^s & Skinners
Willm Mitchell
Tanners
Richard hutchinson
Weavers
Johes Chilton
Robt Knaggs
Fullers & dyers
None
Cord^rs
Nicholas paxton
Sadlers
Rowland Stott
Robt Fisher
Butchers
None
Carpenters & Joyners
Thomas Browne
Rough Maysons
Chrofer Skerry
Thomas Phillipson

Ordered

That upon delib'ate heareing of the Cause of the Action Comenced ag^t Thomas Forcer one of the Seriaunts to the Maior of this City by Roger Talbott one of the farmers of Newton nere Durham touching the takeing of the dutie of Scavage Corne or Scavell corne in the Market within the Borough of Durham, And Consideration duly had thereof. It is ordered by the Maior Aldermen & Comon Councell now present That the said Suite and all dependances thereupon shall be defended at the publique Chardge of the Corporation by an Assessement to be layed upon each Member & Freeman thereof according to their respective Estates & Conditions or qualities.

It is ordered by the Comon Consent aforesaid That whereas divers Clam'ity[1] Rents were heretofore purchased for the use of this City & Corporation whereof Thomas Forcer now Seriant was then appointed Collector & did Collect the same that forthwith the said Thomas Forcer shall give an Account to Mr Stephen Thompson Mr Willm Jordon & Mr Thomas Mascall what money he soe received And to whom he payd the same.

[1] Arising from necessity. Starvation Rents (cf. "clammed").

Concerning the Towne's plate now in the hands of Mr John hall Alderman, the said M^r hall now being present is now contented to refer the ordering & delivery of the said plate to the Temporall Chaundceller for the County of Durham.

The Ninth day of Aprill 1664. Anno xvj° Caroli Scdi nunc Rs Angl etc.

in Foro dunelm. John Harreson of Woolsingham Tanner brought Fower Tanned hydes from Wolsingham to this City to be here sold which are Suspected to be insufficiently Tanned and dryed.

These six honest men whose names are subscribed are now made Choyce of to Search the said Tanned hydes and Try whether the same be well Tanned & well dryed or noe.

hugh Stott and Robert Gowland *Tanners*
Thomas Emerson & Tho: Richardson the Elder *Cord^rs*
Thomas Kemp & Edward Stellin *Curryers.* Sworne

All which six honest men were now sworne before Mr Mathew Bailes now Maior of this City of Durham & Framwelgate in these words follow: & First with the Exortation.

You good men that are here mett together to Search this Leather here in yor veiwe your duties are to try and see that the same hydes be well & sufficiently Tanned & dryed or noe You doe Sweare that you shall Search Try & see whether the same Leather be well & sufficiently Tanned & dryed according to the Statute in that behalfe lately made & provided. And you shall not for feare, favour or hope of reward doe any thing in findeing the same either well or not well & sufficiently Tanned & dryed but according to the trueth thereof. And if you finde that the said Leather is not sufficiently Tanned & dryed but horned & not merchantable & profitable to his Maties subiects you are to say soe & if it be sufficient and Merchantable you are to say soe & noe More Soe help you God.

Their Verdict after Veiwe in these words.

We Finde the said Fower Tanned hydes not altogether Sufficiently Tanned according to the Statutes.

Hugh Stott	Thomas Richardson
Thomas Emerson	Thomas Kemp
Robt Gowland	Edward Stelline

Tolebooth. At a Meeteing holden in the Tolebooth the xix^th day

of Aprill 1664 by Mathew Bailes Esquier now Maior of the City of Durham and Framwelgate and the Aldermen whose names are subscribed.

Maior & Aldermen present

Mr Anth[1] Bailes Maior	Mr Stephen Thompson Ald.
Mr John hall the elder, Alderman	Mr Thomas Mascall Ald.
Mr John Ayreson Ald.	Mr Ambrose Myers Ald.
Mr henry Rowell Ald.	Mr henry Wanles Ald.

Ordered That Whereas the Money heretofore Ordered to be payed to Mr Turner for the Money of him Borrowed for the publique use of this City will not defrey the Same by nere hand Twenty pounds It is therefore Ordered that for his full satisfaction in the premisses there be Borrowed upon the Creditt of the Corporation twenty pounds to be repayed out of the Toules of the said City by foure pounds p. Ann for Seven Yeares.

Tolebooth. A meteing of Mathew Bailes Esquier Maior The Aldermen & xxiiij° the Comon Councell of the City of Durham & Framwelgate whose names are subscribed the xxvth of Aprill 1664

The Maior & Aldermen present

Mr Mathew Bailes Maior	Mr Thomas Mascall Ald.
Mr John Ayrson Ald.	Mr John Peacock Ald.
Mr henry Rowell Ald.	Mr henry Wanles Ald.
Mr Stephen Thompson Ald.	

The xxiiij present

Draps & Taylors	*Weavers*
Ed. Smith	John Chilton
Tho: Browne	Robert Knaggs
Glovers & Skinners	*Smithes*
George Kirkby	John Snawball
Tann's	*Carpents' & Joyners*
John Kirkhouse	Thomas harreson

Ordered That the Sume of Twenty pounds be forthwith Borrowed

[1] Mistake for Math.

of the Gov'nors of Charitable Stock of Durham for the Complete satisfaction of the 150^{li} in Money borrowed of Mr Turner for the use of this Corporation. And that the present Lessees of the Toules & p'fitts of this City doe give Security to the said Gov'nors for the payment thereof with interest by fouer pounds a yeare for Seven yeares. And that for their indempnitie therein as of the Bp Rent of xx^{li} a yeare received upon the Lease each Maior for the time being shall before he Receive or enter upon any profitts of the said Toules or other duties within the said City enter Bond to the sayd Lessees or the Survivors of them for the paym^{t} of the said iiij^{li} and xx^{li} p.Ann dureing his Maioralitie by xii^{li} each half yeare Which if the said Maior shall refuse to doe That then the said Lessees shall upon the said Refuseall Sequester the said Toules & other profitts into their owne hands & receive soe much Thereof as will satisfie the said severall summes so to be payed as aforesaid.

Ordered That in the making of the Bond menc̄oned in an Order at the Meteing held the xviij day of Februarie last there be fower Comon Councell men added as obligees in the said Bond with the Aldermen Lessees in the said Order menc̄oned. And that the now Mayor shall enter Bond for the paym^{t} of the said severall sumes dureing his present Maioraltie.

Tolebooth. The Twelfth day of September Anno dni 1664. Annoque R^{is} Caroli Scdi nunc &c xvj°.

A meteing held in the Tolebooth the day and yeare above said by Mathew Bailes Esq. now Maior of the City of Durham and Framwelgate And the Aldermen whose names are subscribed. Whereas Twenty pounds was heretofore Borrowed of the Money of the Charitable Stocke for this City for the satisfaction of Mr John Turner for the Money formerly Borrowed of him for this Corporation for which Twenty pounds noe securitie is yet given And whereas there is necessarie occasion at present as well for the defraying of the Expenses disbursed & expended in the defending & prosecuteing of divers Suites both at Comon law and Chancery touching Skavish Corne or Skavill Corne payable within this City as other publique Chardges of this Corporation.

It is hereby Ordered by the Maior Aldermen & Comonalty of the said City of Durham & Framwelgate now present and in Comon

Councell assembled That the Sume of Thirty pounds more be forthwith Borrowed of the said Charitable Stock And that for the satisfying as well of the said sev'rall Sumes amounting to fiftie pounds as of one hundred pounds more already Borrowed being formerly given and bequeathed by M^r hugh hutchinson deceased according to his last Will & Testament:

The Sume of Thirty pounds p.Ann' be chardged upon the Toules, Rentts and other profitts of this Corporation to be payed by each Maior of this City & Framwelgate in his Respective Maiorality from the feast of St Michael the Archangel next for and dureing the space of Seven yeares then next Following At the feaste of the Anuntiacon of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangell by equall porcons. And that all former Orders touching the said severall sumes of Money or any of them be henceforth voyed.

And that for the better securitie of the said payments and satisfaction of the said Thirtie pounds p.Ann each Maior at his first entering into his office of Maiorialtie shall upon request enter his bond with sufficient sureties to the Lessees of the said Toules for the time being or their Assignes for such payments To witt Twentie pounds thereof in Manner & forme following namely Seven pounds thereof to be distributed according to the last Will & Testament of the said hugh hutchinson deceased by him Bequeathed to Certaine pious uses in the said will Menconed And thirtene pounds thereof Residue to be payed to the Succeeding Maior of the said City for the Rayseing againe of the said one hundred pounds with the interest for the forbeareance thereof. And Tenn pounds of the said Thirtie pounds p.ann Residue to the Governors of the said Charitable Stock for the time being As also the interest at Eight pounds p Cent of what money shall have bene then Raysed by Former Maiors of the said City towards the makeing up againe of the said one hundred pounds And payed over to the said p'sent Maior for the time being by his predecessor.

Tolebooth. The Third day of october 1664. A° xvj° Caroli Rs etc nunc &c.

At a meteing held in the Tolebooth the day & yeare abovesaid by Mathew Bailes Esq now Maior of the City of Durham & Framwelgate And the Aldermen whose names are subscribed vizt.

Mr Mathew Bailes Maior
Mr John Hall Ald.
Mr John Ayreson Ald.
Mr Henry Rowell Ald.
Mr Ste Thompson Ald.
Mr George Shyres Ald.
Mr Thomas Mascall Ald.
Mr John Stokell Ald.
Mr Ambrose Myers Ald.
Mr Henry Wanles Ald.
Mr John Hall, Younger, Ald.

Who with an unanimous consent doe Order that these persons under named shall be Trustees for the Takeing & receiveing of The State of Inheritance of certeine lands Called the Intack & Shaw Wood by Copy of Court Roll according to the Custome of the Mannor of Chester in this County in which Mannor the said Lands doe Ly to hould to them & their sequells in right according to the Custome of the said Mannor to and for the use of the Inhabitants within the Borough of Durham & Framwelgate & of the Inhabitants within the North & South Balyes within the said City of Durham namely in the names of

Anth hall sonn of Mr John hall the Younger, Ald., John Bailes sonn of Mr Mathew Bailes now Maior, for the Borough of Durham;

Thomas Mascall sonn of Mr Thomas Mascall, Ald., Thomas Stott sonn of hugh Stott, for Framwelgate;

Ambrose Myers sonn of Mr Ambrose Myers, Ald., for the North Baly;

Anth Church, sonn of Mr William Church late deceased for the South Baly.

Tolebooth.

The fourth day of October Anno Dni 1664 A^{o} R^{is} Caroli Scdi nunc Angliae &c xvj^{o}.

At a meeting in the Tolebooth the day and yeare abovesaid Mr Mathew Bailes esquier now Maior of the City of Durham and Framwelgate and the Aldermen.

Whereas Twenty pounds was heretofore Borrowed of the money of the Charitable Stock for the satisfying of money form'ly Borrowed for the use of this Corporation For which Twenty pounds noe Securitie is yet given.

And whereas there is necessary occasion at present as well for the defraying of the expenses disbursed, and to be expended in the

defending and prosecution of divers Suites both at Comon law and Chancery touching Skavish Corne or Skavill Corne payable within this City, as other publique Chardges of this Corporation

It is hereby ordered by the said Maior, and Aldermen by and with the Consent of the Comonaltie of the said City of Durham and Framwelgate now present & in Comon Councell Assembled That the Some of Thirty pounds more be forthwith Borrowed of the said Charitable Stocke

And that for the satisfying as well of the said severall Somes amounting to fifty pounds as of one hundred pounds More already Borrowed being formerly given and bequeathed by Mr hugh hutchinson deceased according to his last will and Testament The Sume of Thirty pounds p.Ann be Chardged upon the Toules, Rents and other profitts of this Corporation to be payed by each Maior of this City and Framwelgate in his Respective Maiorality from henceforth for and dureing the space of Seven years now next following at the Feasts of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Michaell the Archangell by equall porc̄ons And that all former Orders touching the said Severall Somes of Money or any of them be henceforth voyed.

And that for the better securitie of the said payments and satisfaction of the said Thirty pounds p Ann And for secureing of the rent reserved by the Lease of the Burrough and Toules from the Bp, each Maior after his Election and before he be sworne shall upon request, enter his bond of one hundred pounds with sufficient Surties to such of the Lessees of the Toules for the time being who shall not then be elected Maior for the present yeare

And the penaltie of the bond to be increased as the Somes payed to the Succeeding Maior shall be increased for such payment, To Witt Twentie pounds thereof in Manner & forme following. Namely Seven pounds thereof to be distributed according to the last Will and Testament of the said hugh hutchinson Deceased by him Bequeathed to Certaine pious Uses in the said will menc̄oned and thirtene pounds thereof residue to be payed to the Succeeding Maior of the said City for the Rayseing of the said one hundred pounds. And Tenn Pounds of the said Thyrtie pounds p.Ann residue to the Governors of the said Charitable Stock for the time being, as also the interest of what Moneyes shall have bene then raysed by Former

Maiors of the said City Towards the makeing up again of the said one hundred pounds and payed over to the said present Maior for the time being & his predecessor.

And that if any Maior shall Refuse to enter such bond as aforesaid the present lessees of the said Toules for the time being & the Survivor or Survivors of them shall & are hereby Impowered to Sequester & take into their hands the said Toules as well for the satysfying of the Rent reserved upon the said feasts and for Raysing againe of the said one hundred and fiftie pounds as aforesaid untill such bonde shall be soe given as aforesaid.

Bee it knowne unto all men by these p'sents That I John Turner of Kirklatham in the County of Yorke Esqr, Recorder of the City of Durham & Framwelgate doe hereby acknowledge my selfe to have received & had at the hands of the Maior & Aldermen of the said City & Framwelgate the sume of one hundred and fifty pounds, which I did at their request disburse & pay to the right reverend father in God John by divine providence now Lord Bp of Durham, for procureing of a Lease to be made unto them, or for their use, of the toules and profitts of the said City, & of the Borough of Durham & Framwelgate & other things in the said lease conteined, which lease was procured accordingly, which said sume of one hundred & fifty poundes & every part & parcell thereof, I doe hereby acquitt exonerate and dischardge the said Major & Aldermen their executors Adm^{rs} & Assignes & every of them & all & every other person & persons any way ingaiged unto me for the repayment thereof. In witness whereof I have herewith sett my hand & seale the sixth day of Aprill in the seaventeenth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles the second by the grace of god King of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of the faith &c. Anno dni 1665.

Read, Signed, sealed & delivered
in the p'sence of us

Tho: Bell
George Kirkby
George Kirkby

J. Turner

The Thirteenth day of June Anno dni 1666.

Ordered by the Wor[l] Thomas Mascall now Maior & the Aldermen now present whose names are hereunder menc̄oned namely M[r] John Ayreson, M[r] Georg Rowell, M[r] Stephen Thompson, M[r] Mathew Bailes, M[r] George Shyers & M[r] Ambrose Myers & M[r] John Hall the younger, Ald & the more part of the xxiiij honest men the Comon Councell now present by and with the Consent of M[r] John hall Ald now present that all diferences & Controv'sies betwixt the Corporation & the said M[r] John Hall the Elder be & are hereby mutuallie referred to the Arbitration & finall determination of M[r] Gabriell Jackson of Elvett & M[r] Cuthbert hawdon of the City of Durham being indefferentlie Elected & Chosen by either partie to end & determine the same Soe as their Award & Arbitration final end & judg'nt of & upon the premisses be made & putt in writeing Indented under their hands & seales & ready to be delivered the one part to the Maior of Durham & Framwelgate for the time being for the use of the said Corporac̄on And the other part to the use of the said M[r] hall the Elder within one month now next enseuing. And if the said Arbitrators shall not within that time make such an Award then to the umpiredge of such indefferrent person as the said arbitrators shall elect soe as he make his Award of & in the premisses as aforesaid & ready to be delivered as aforesaid within Fowertene dayes then next after.

Tolebooth. The xxviij day of June Anno xviij Caroli Rs Angli &c. 1666.

A particuler meteing in the Tolebooth the day & yeare above written by Thomas Mascall Esqr Maior the Aldermen & xxiiij° honest men of the Twelve Trades the Comon Councell of the City of Durham & Framwelgate whose names are hereunder subscribed.

Tho Mascall Esqr Maior	M[r] John Stokeld Ald.
M[r] John Hall the elder Ald.	M[r] Henry Wanles Ald.
M[r] Henry Rowell Ald.	M[r] John Hall Jun. Ald.
M[r] George Shyers Ald.	M[r] Nicholas Richardson Ald.

The xxiiij present

Mercers

M[r] Geo hodshon	M[r] Cuth hutchinson

Drapers & Taylors
Edrd Smith
Tho: Browne
Glovers & Skinners
Wm Mitchell
Tanners
Rich. Hutchinson
Weavers
Robt Knaggs
Fullers & Dyers
Willm hunter
*Cord^rs^*
nich paxton
Sadlers
None
Butchers
None
Smithes
Jo Snawball
Carpent^s^ & Joyners
Tho: Browne
Fre & Rough Maysons
None

To Continue the Reference Conc'neing Mr John Hall Thelder Ald and the Towne Concerneing the Townes Plate &c which was referred to the Arbitracon of Mr Gabriel Jackson of Elvett & Mr Cuth hawdon in respect that M^r^ hawdon hath taken Jorney towards London is by Consent of M^r^ hall & the Corporation deferred for xiiij days longer & umpyer xiiij° days Longer after that.

Ordered That the now Maior of Durham shall have power & Authority to demise and Farme lett the two Shops under the Tolebooth for soe many yeares as he Cann demise the same under the number of Eleven yeares at that rent and to the best advantage the same may be lett, so that the present rent thereof be not thereby deminished. And that he shall have power to procure such Lease or Leases under the hands & Seales of the Trustees for the City or the More part thereof who are hereby ordered to make such Lease or Leases accordingly.

Tolebooth the xi° day of October 1666 Anno xviii Caroli Scdi Rs.

A meteing of Thomas Mascall now Maior and the Aldermen & xxiiij the Comon Councell of the Citie of Durham & Framwelgate whose names are subscribed.

Thomas Mascall Esqr. Maior
Mr John Ayreson Ald.
Mr Henry Rowell Ald.
Mr Math Bailes Ald.
Mr George Shyers Ald.
Mr John Stokell Ald.
Mr Nich. Richardson Ald.

The xxiiij present

Ordered that Mr George Shyres now Ald. shall be Am'ced.

That the sev'rall Ald & xxiiij now absent who had timely notice of this present meteing be Am'ced for being now absent heere according to former Order of such like absences & neg'ect in Comeing.

Ordered that a petition[1] be preferred to the lord Bp of Durham ag^t Mr Edward parkinson for Makeing Conny Burroes & planting Conneys on the Comon Moores belonging to the freemen & Inhabitants of the said City & Framwelgate & others &c.

To the Right ho^ble and Right Rev'end Father in god John by divine providence Lord Bp of Durham.

The humble petition of the Maior Alderman Cominalty freeholders and other the Inhabitants of the City of Durham & Framwelgate, North & South Baly and other freeholders haveing Comon of pasture on Durham Moore

humbly sheweth unto yor Lpp.

That whereas yor petition's and their Ancestors time out of minde have had Comon of pasture for all Cattell, at all times of the yeare upon the sev'all Mores belonging to the said City of Durham in right of their sev'all & respective lands tenem'ts & freeholds and alwayes enioyed the same without interuption untill of late, That one Mr Edward parkinson pretending some Title from your Lp. hath of late digged out divers parts of the said Comon and hath Made Coney burroughes and planted Rabbetts therein with intention to preserve the same for his owne private Benefitt and Advantage Which (if Suffered) Will in Shortt time very much preiudice and damnify your petitioners in the free Enioyment of their said Comonage as they have always done and of right ought.

Our humble petition therefore is that your Lp. will please to give your petitioners liberty to take their remedy at law against the said Mr Parkinson or such other person or persons as shall or doe

[1] Moors and Commons. The freemen had certain rights on the various commons and moors round the city. The profits of the freemen's land on these moors were divided amongst all the freemen, though they never came to very much, and even then the sums distributed were liable to deductions, and there were frequent encroachments. Thus in 1666 the inhabitants of St. Giles' parish agreed to bear the expense of a suit at law against Robert Heighington for enclosing and barring up a close called "The Five Acres". *Memorials of St. Giles', Durham, Surtees Society*, 1896, p. 74.

intrench upon your said petitioners priviledgs of, free in and to the Comons and Moors aforesaid as is iust.

And your petitioners shall daly pray &c.

Tolboothe. die Sabti Tertio die Novembris 1666 Anno xviij° Caroli Rs &c.

George Towart of Wolsingham, Tanner, brought Five Tanned hydes to this Citie to be sealed & sold here all which were suspected to be insufficiently Tanned & dryed.

The six honest men whose names are hereunder Subscribed were made Choyce of to veiwe & search the said hydes and to Try whether the same were well Tanned & well dryed or noe.

That is

Robt. Stevenson & Thomas Johnson, *Tanners*

Laurence Lee & Symon hutchinson, *Cord*[rs]

James peacock & Nicholas Lee, *Curryers*

Who all of them being sworne to Try & search whether the same Leather be well & sufficiently Tanned & dryed according to the Statute doe say upon their oathes all of them that the same five hydes are not sufficiently Tanned & dryed and that they nor anyone of them Can be amended nor Tanned againe.

Tolebooth The Twentieth day of december 1666 Anno xviii Caroli Scdi Rs &c.

A meteing of Thomas Mascall Esquier Maior, Aldermen & xxiiij honest men the Comon Councell of the City of durham and Framwelgate whose names are subscribed.

Thomas Mascall Esqr Maior
M[r] John Ayreson Alderman
M[r] Stephen Thompson Ald.
M[r] George Shyers Ald.
M[r] John Stokell Ald.
M[r] Ambrose Myers Ald.
M[r] John Hall younger Ald.
M[r] Nicholas Richardson Ald.

The xxiiij present

Mercers
M[r] Cuth. hutchinson

Drapers & Taylors
Edward Smith &
Thomas Browne

Glovers & Skinners
None

Tanners
Rich Hutchinson
Robt Rowley

Weavers
None
Fullers & Dyers &c.
Mr Geo: Barkas
Cord^rs
nich. paxton
Chro. Whitfeild
Sadlers
Robt Fisher

Butchers
None
Smithes
Rich Kenelaside
Carpenters & Joyners &c
Tho Browne
Free Maysons & Rough Maysons
None

Every Aldermen absent is Fined vi^s, viij^d & every xxiiij man iii^s, iiii^d.

Ordered that Mr Recorder be desired to consider of the Right of the Burgesses & Freeholders within the City of Durham & Framwelgate to the Comons adioyneing & belonging to the said City & Framwelgate, and how Farr the Lord Bp of Durham hath Authoritie to plant Cony Berries therein & make a warren thereof and that he will be pleased to satisfie his lp officers of the true state of the Buisnes in that behalfe. And that Mr Recorder shall be likewise desired to move the ld Bpp at the next Sessions to be holden at Durham that they the said Burgesses may have his Lps free assent To have a Mase[1] & to Arrest by the body within the said City & Framwelgate according to the Cities graunt & the Kings Maties Confirmacon thereof.

Patent Mri. Fr. Tempest.[2]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit, nos, Maior, Aldermani et Comunitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum reverendus in Christo pater Tobias, nuper episcopus Dunelm., per litteras suas patentes inter alia nobis antehac concessit, quod nos et successores nostri imperpetuum haberemus et teneremus infra civitatem Dunelm. in comitatu Dunelm. unam curiam quolibet die Martis de quindecem in quindecem dies imperpetuum, coram Seneschallo nostro ad hoc per nos ordinando et constituendo tenendam, et quod haberemus potestatem audiendi et terminandi in eadem curia per huiusmodi Seneschallum nostrum omnes et omnimodas actiones, sectas, querelas et demaundas quascumque, infra

[1] Mace.

[2] Francis Tempest, Esq., became Recorder of Durham on Nov. 10th, 1642, and was succeeded on April 11th, 1645, by Edward Wright.

dictam civitatem Dunelm. et Framwelgate in comitatu predicto, libertates, limites, bundas et precinctus eorundem quoquomodo surgentes sive emergentes in curia predicta levand' et affirmand', una cum aliis ordinationibus, libertatibus et concessionibus dicte curie concernentibus, prout per easdem litteras patentes plenius liquet et apparet: Sciatis igitur nos, prefatos Maiorem, Aldermanos et Comunitates (*sic*) civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, ordinasse et constituisse et per presentes ordinare et constituere, dilectum nobis in Christo Franciscum Tempest de civitate Dunelm. predicta, conciliarium ad legem, Seneschallum nostrum ad tenend' curiam predictam et fore Seneschallum et Recordatorem nostrum curie predicte et rotulorum et recordorum eiusdem curie et ad omnia et singula faciend', exercend' et exequend' que ad officium et officia Seneschalli et Recordatoris predict' pertinent et requirentur: ipsoque (*sic*) Francisco officia Seneschalli et Recordatoris recordorum et rotulorum curie predicte damus et concedimus per presentes. Nosque etiam, prefati Maior, Aldermani et Comunitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, prefatum Franciscum Tempest Seneschallum nostrum omnium et singularum curiarum let sive visusfranciplegii et aliarum nostrarum curiarum quarumcumque infra dictam civitatem Dunelm. et Framwelgate vel aliarum aliquarum ad tenend' easdem curias et quamlibet earum facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per presentes, habend', gaudend', exercend' et occupand' predicta officia Seneschalsie et alia officia et premissa quecumque et quodlibet eorum eidem Francisco Tempest per seipsum aut sufficientem [deputatum] suam (*sic*) sive deputatos suos coniunctim [et] divisim, quem et quos nos, prefati Maior, Aldermani et Comunitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, approbaverimus, ad terminum vite naturalis eiusdem Francisci. Ac ulterius sciatis nos, prefatos Maiorem, Aldermanos et Comunitatem civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, dedisse et concessisse prefato Francisco Tempest et assignatis suis, tam pro officio suo predicto exercendo et occupando, quam pro concilio suo nobis ante hec tempora impenso et imposterum impendendo, quandam annuitatem sive annuale feodum sive annualem redditum quatuor librarum, ad festa Sancti Martini[1] episcopi in hieme et Pentecost per equales portiones eidem Francisco Tempest pro termino vite sue annuatim solvend' per nos et successores nostros per manus receptorum, ballivorum, collectorum sive ministrorum nostrorum, seu percipiend' de amerciamentis, exitibus, finibus, proficuis et extractis earundem curiarum nobis debitis et de tempore in tempus contingentibus, unacum omnibus aliis proficuis, comoditatibus, vadiis et regardis quibuscumque dictis officiis seu eorum alicui qualiter-

[1] The festivals of St. Martin of Tours were on Nov. 11th and July 4th.

cunque spectantibus et pertinentibus. Mandamus insuper universis et singulis servientibus ad clavam, ballivis et ministris nostris et eorum cuilibet, quod prefato Francisco Tempest et deputatis suis in hac parte per nos approbatis (ut prefertur) de tempore in tempus assistentes sint, obedientes et auxilientes (*sic*), et prompti, parati et volentes ad omnia et quodlibet has predictas nostras concessiones concernentia et tangentia facienda, peragenda et exequenda, que ab iis ratione et virtute officiorum suorum exegi possint et requiruntur. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes, et eisdem sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus. Dat' apud Dunelm. predict', decimo die Novembris, anno Regis Caroli Anglie etc. decimo octavo. 1642.

[Note in much later hand at the bottom of this page: "This should come in 10 leaves sooner, after Mr Turners Election of Recorder."]

Septimo die Octobris 1644.

At a meteing holden in the house of Mr John Hall draper Maior of the Cittie of Durham it was agreed that Whereas at a former meteing held in the house of Mr Raph Allenson late Maior of this Cittie by him then Maior & the more part of the Aldermen & xxiiij^tie^ then present to witt the vth day of April last past they being the Comon Counsell for the said Cittie & Framwellgate did elect & choose Mr Thomas Richardson a freman & Inhabitant of the said Cittie to be Alderman of the said Cittie & Framwelgate in the place & Stead of Mr Thomas Tunstall late deceased & one of the said Aldermen, who form'ly refused to take the said office upon him, & now being by one of the Seriants sent for absented himself & would not be spoke withall, though it be affirmed by Tho Browne his neighbour & one of the said xxiiij^tie^ that this day he see the said Mr Richardson at his owne house.

And it is further testyfied & affirmed by the said Tho Browne that he since the said Mr Richardson's election into the said Ald place & before this day did hear the said Mr Richardson say that he would not be Alderman & Mr John heighington & Mr Rich Mann, Two of the said Ald' doe alsoe Affirme & say that they did heare the said Mr Richardson say that he would not be Ald. And therefore the said Maior Ald & xxiiij nowe present doe with a full consent fine him & doe assesse his fine to Ninetene Pounds and Ten Shillings.

Patent Mri Wright.[1]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit, nos, Maior, Aldermani et Comunitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos, prefatos Maiorem, Aldermanos et Comunitatem civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, ordinasse et constituisse et per presentes ordinare et constituere dilectum nobis in Christo Edwardum Wright de Grayes Inn in comitatu Midl', armigerum, conciliarium ad legem, Recordatorem sive Seneschallum nostrum, ad tenend' omnes et omnimodas curias nostras et fore Recorditorem sive Seneschallum nostrum curiarum predictarum et rotulorum et recordorum earundem curiarum et ad omnia et singula faciend', exercend' et exequend' que ad officium Recordatoris sive Seneschalli predictum pertinent et requiruntur. Nosque etiam, prefati Maior, Aldermani et Comunitas civitatis Dunelm. et Framwelgate predicte, prefatum Edwardum Wright Recordatorem sive Seneschallum nostrum omnium et singularum curiarum let sive visusfranciplegii et aliarum curiarum nostrarum quarumcumque infra dictam civitatem Dunelm. et Framwelgate vel aliquarum aliarum, ad tenend' easdem curias et quamlibet earum, facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per presentes, habend', gaudend', exercend' et occupand' predictum officium Recordatoris sive Seneschalli et alia premissa quecunque et quodlibet eorum eidem Edwardo Wright per seipsum aut per sufficientem deputatum suum sive deputatos suos coniunctim et divisim ad terminum vite naturalis eiusdem Edwardi. Ac ulterius sciatis nos, prefatos Maiorem, Aldermanos et Comunitatem civitatis Dunelm. et Framwellgate predicte, dedisse et concessisse prefato Edwardo Wright et assignatis suis, tam pro officio suo predicto exercendo et occupando quam pro concilio suo nobis antehac impenso et imposterum impendendo, quamdam annuitatem sive annuale feodum quatuor librarum legalis monete Anglie, ad festa Penticost et Sancti Martini episcopi in hieme per equales portiones eidem Edwardo Wright vel assignatis suis pro termino vite sue annuatim solvend' per nos et successores nostros, unacum omnibus aliis proficuis, comoditatibus, vadiis et regardis quibuscumque dicto officio qualitercumque spectantibus sive pertinentibus. Mandamus insuper universis et singulis servientibus, ballivis et ministris nostris et eorum cuilibet, quod prefato Edwardo Wright et deputato sive deputatis suis de tempore in tempus assistentes sint, obedientes et auxiliantes, et prompti, parati et volentes ad omnia et quodlibet has predictas nostras concessiones concernentia et tangentia facienda, peragenda et facienda (*sic*), que ab iis ratione et virtute officii

[1] Wright did not hold office long. He was chosen on the 11th of April, 1645—and was succeeded by John Turner in August 1647.

sui exigi possint et requiruntur. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes et eisdem sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus. Dat' apud Dunelm' predict' undecimo die Aprilis, anno Regis Caroli Anglie nunc etc. xxi°. 1645.

Tolebooth. Tertio die Octobris 1646.

It is this day ordered by Mr Maior & the Ald'men whose names are Subscribed that Mr Maior and all the Aldermen for the time being shall Assemble themselves & mete together in the Tolebooth the first Monday in Ev'y Month the First meeteing to be made the first Monday in November next, and there Conferr together of Matters Concerning the Corporation & other matters for the good of the Cittie, & if any refuse or neglect to be at the said meteing To forfitt Twelve pence unless he cann shew sufficient cause to the Contrary.

Jo: Hall Maior
Hugh Walton
John Heighington
John Hall
Cuthbert Hutchinson
John Dixson
John Walton
Willm Bell
John Richardson

Toolebooth. Vicesimo septimo die Maij Anno Dni Millo Sexcenmo Quinquagesimo.

A meteing in the Toulebooth the day and yeare above said by Mr John Ayreson now Maior, and the Maior partt of the Aldermen & xxiiijty whose names are subscribed the Comon Councell of the said Cittie and Framwelgate.

Mr John Ayreson Maior
Mr hugh Walton
Mr John Hall *draper*
Mr John Hall *vintner*
Mr John Walton
Mr Willm Bell
Mr John Richardson

The xxiijty

Mr Anthony Bailes
Mr Anth. Smith
Mr Richard Lee
Cuth Bainbrigg
Rich Jackson
Edward Rodham

hugh Stott
John Gray
John Rutledge
Thomas Pearson
John Snawball
Chrfer Scurry
Bernd Forcer

Who doe all agree with one full Consentt that the profitts of the Towne according to a former order made in the Toolebooth the Twelft of Aprill last shalbe purchased from thestate and that Mr John hall Lessee of the said profitts for the use of the Towne for Certaine yeares yett in being shall make a Lease out of his estate therein to Mr John Ayreson nowe Maior, Mr hugh Walton, Mr Richard Lee, and Mr Anthony Smith, and who undertake the paymt of the purchase money for Six pounds, to beginn the Fourth of october next according to the said order of the Twelft of Aprill And that the said Mr Maior, Mr Walton, Mr Lee and Mr Smith shall give securitie by bond or otherwise for repaymt of the Moneye to those persons & severall Trades who lend their said money towards the said purchase.

Tolebooth. 23° October 1651.[1]

It is ordered by Mr John hall now Maior and the Aldermen now present to witt Mr hugh Walton, Mr John Ayreson, Mr John Walton, Mr John Richardson, Mr John Hall, vintner and Mr Anthony Smith and by and with the Consent and agrement of Thomas Sutton and John Rackett farmers of the Shaw Wood or Shaw hill, then alsoe present, that they the said Thomas Sutton & John Rackett shall pay to the use of the Towne the some of Tenn pounds at two payments to witt five pounds thereof within two dayes next after Martinmas next And thother five pounds the remainder thereof at May day next or within Two days after. And if they faile to pay the said Tenn pounds or any part thereof at the said dayes Then the said Thomas and John are Content to forfeitt their Estates in the premisses.

Tolebooth. The Eight day of January 1657.

It is now ordered by the Comon Counsell now present That Mr Anthony Smith now Maior shall have yearly payed unto him by

[1] The year as written might be 1657, but John Hall was mayor in 1651 and Anthony Smith in 1657. 1651 seems the correct date here.

the Maior of the City for the time being the Sume of Twenty pounds a yeare for the Tearme of Seven yeares (whereof this present yeare to be one of the said Seaven yeares) out of the meane profitts of the Toules & other profitts of the Toune For and Towards his the said Mr Smithes chardgs and pains in the procureing the Settlement of the Temporall Courts here at Durham and of the Settlement for directing of a Colledge[1] here at Durham alsoe which Twenty pounds is menc̄oned in an order made in this place the first day of October last past to be imployed as the Comon Councill shall think fitt, & is now ordered as abovesaid.

Toulbooth the xxvj day of March 1657.

A meteing held in the Toulebooth the day and year abovesaid by Anth. Smith now Maior, The Aldermen and Twenty and Fower honest men being the Comon Councell of the City of durham and Framwelgate whose names are Subscribed being Assembled and met together For the Causes hereafter menconed. That is to say

Mr Anthony Smith Maior
Mr Richard Lee
Mr henry Rowell
Mr John Hall *Tann*
Mr Mathew Bailes
Mr Cuthbt hawdon
Mr John Jopling
Mr Robt Chilton

The xxiiij present

Mercers
Mr John Peacock
Mr Willm Willimson
drapers and Taylors
Thomas Burdus
Henry Bryce
Glovers and Skinners
William Mitchell
George Kirkby
Tanne's
Willm Johnson
Robt Gowland
Weavers
Robt Knaggs
Robt Mayson
Fullers & Dyers
None

[1] From 1650 onwards efforts were made and petitions sent in pleading for a reconstitution of the Courts of Justice in Durham and for representation in Parliament. In 1654 and 1656 Anthony Smith, a mercer, represented the city in Parliament, but at the Restoration the old arrangements were restored and a parliamentary franchise was not revived till as late as 1675. A staff was appointed for the College and certain ecclesiastical buildings were proposed for its habitation, but there was no University of Durham till 1832.

Cordwayn's
Cuthbert Bainbrigg
Nicholas paxton
Sadlers
John Rutledge
Butchers
None
Smiths
John Rackett
Raph Nicholson
Carpenters & Joyners
Thomas Browne
Thomas Harreson
Rough Maysons
Chr°fer Scurry

M^dm^ It is now agreed by the unanimous Consent of the Maior, Aldermen and xxiiij being the Comon Councell above menconed, That the Right and interest in the Colyery Colemynes and Seams of Coles in and under the Moores and waistes belonging to the City of Durham & Framwelgate, Called Findon hill, harberhouse Moore, and Brasside Moores shall be defended, and mainteinde against any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall opose the same or pretend any Title thereunto at the Comon Chardge of the Fremen and Inhabitants within the City of Durham and Framwelgate.

It is now alsoe ordered by the Consent aforesaid That the Charters granted to the City of Durham and Framwelgate shall be openly Redd in English ev'y fowerth day of October yearly for ever hereafter from end to end in the presence of the Maior Aldermen and xxiiij Comon Councell or more part of it then present before they proceed to the Election of the Maior.

The demaund of the Borough rent.

M^dm^ that Richard Lee Esquier Maior of the City of durham The First day of december 1658 about a Quarter of an houre after thre at Clock before the Setting of the Sonn Came to the Foredoore of the Exchequ^r^ at Durham and there in the name of the Maior Aldermen and Comonalty of the said City did demannd of the within named John Hall who owes(?) Cuthbert hutchinson and John Jefferson Tenn pound for half a yeares rent of the Borough of durham now due for Martinmas rent last. And there Stayed untill after Son Sett all this done in the p'sence of

George Kirkby
Thomas Mascall
John Balioll
Willm Mathew

Durham.

Whereas we are credibly Informed that the Inhabitants of our Towne and Borough of Darlington have of their owne heads without my Authority in law Levied and Erected a New Market in the said Towne for the Sale of all Manner of Cattell in the Season of the yeare there unaccustomed (To witt) from their Fortnight day next before Christmas to Whitson Munday then next after, And doe with vyolence resist the opposers thereof by us appointed for that purpose to the disquiet of the people & preiudice of other neighbouring Faires and Marketts, Which Illegal Practice being by us Considered of, We doe hereby prohibitt the same & dis chardge them from Kepeing or Continueing the said Markett for Cattell at the said times unaccustomed. And doe hereby require the Sheriffe of our said Countie palatine, or his under Sheriffe that publique proclamation may be by them Caused to be made in the open and accustomed Market place of the said Towne of our pleasure herein.

Given at our Castle of B̄pp Aukland the Second day of Aprill Anno R^is^ Caroli nunc Angli &c Scdi Quinto decimo.

Jo: Duresme

To the Sheriffe of the countie
of Durham & his Officers.

At a Meeting of the Right Wor^ll^ Stephen Thompson Esquier Mayor And the Aldermen & Comon Councell hereunder named holden in the Toleboth the Ninth day of March 1662 Anno xv Caroli Scdi nunc Regis Angli' etc. The Comon Council of the City of Durham & Framwelgate.

M^en^ that Whereas for the satisfying of the Fyne of a new lease of the Toleboth Tolls & other p'fitts Comodities & Emolem^ts^ of the City of Durham & Framwelgate payed unto the Reverend Father in god John by the grace of god Ld Bpp of Durham there is Borrowed of the Wor^ll^ John Turner Esquier Steward of the Courts heere the Sume of one hundred and fifty pounds Starling since the Borrowing whereof the wor^ll^ Stephen Thompson now Maior of the said City & Framwelgate hath satisfyed him for the use & interest thereof. And an Agreement is thereupon made with the said Mr Turner for the payment unto him of Thirty pounds p Ann for Seven yeares,

together now next ensewing, in Leiwe and Satisfaction of the said one hundred & fifty pounds soe Borrowed as aforesaid Now for the better satisfying of the said Thirty pounds p Ann dureing the said Tearme It is hereby Ordered by the same Maior Aldermen & Comonaltie of the said City of durham & Framwelgate That the said present Mayor shall out of the profitts of the said Lease pay & satisfy unto the said Mr Turner for this his present yeare of his Maioralty The first Thirty pounds thereof soe to be payed as aforesaid at the feasts of the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Peter ad Vincula by equall porciōes, and that the residue thereof shall in like manner be payed unto him yearly by each respective Maior successores by Thirty pounds p Ann out of the profitts of the said lease until the same be thereby fully satisfyed as aforesaid. Which said Tolebooth Toll & other profitts of the said Lease each respective Maior for the time being shall and may have and enioy finding securitie to the present Lessees thereof and their Assignes & the survivors of them and his heires for the paymt of the said Thirty pounds p Ann Together with the Rentes upon the said Lease Reserved & other services paym^ts^ & duties to be done & perform'd for the same while he shall Continue Maior of the said City and Framwelgate.

M^em^ That at this meteing It is ordered by the Maior, Aldermen & Comonalty of the said City of Durham & Framwelgate That the Wor^ll^ Stephen Thompson Esqr. Maior of the said City & Framwelgate shall disburse the money & Fees due to the lord B^p^ of Durham & his officers upon passing or Sealing the Lease of the Tolebooth Tolls & profitts thereunto belonging of the said City & Framwelgate And that what as shall be soe by him disbursed shall upon accompt thereof given in writeing to the deputy Steward of the Court here be repayed him by the next Succeeding Maior thereof out of the profitts of the said Lease within five monthes next after his entry into the said office, and shall give Securitie for payment thereof And that the same shall in like manner be successively repayed to each Maior respectively untill satisfacōn for the Moneye Borrowed of the Wor^ll^ John Turner Esqr for the Fine of the said Lease be fully satisfyed by the paym^t^ of Thirtie pounds p. Ann out of the profitts of the said Lease And that the Maior who shall last repay the said Money soe to be disbursed by the present Maior as aforesaid upon this Order

next after satisfacon given and finished to the said Mr Turner as aforesaid shall beare & pay the same out of the profitts of this Lease without any reimbursem^t thereof afterwards &c.

M^em That at this meteing it is Ordered by the Maior Aldermen & Comonalty of the said City of Durham & Framwelgate That the present Maior thereof doe seale with the Comon Seale[1] of the said City in theer names one writeing already prepared and Read unto them to release unto the Now lord Bp of Durham all benefitt and Advantage That they doe or may expect to have or enioy of any purchase Money form'ly payed or satisfyed in the purchase of the Tolls & other priviledges of the said City from the late usurped power to be any way repayed out of them as purchaser by his said L^p upon the new graunting of the Lease thereof And he is hereby acquitted in soe doing.

M^em That Whereas there is a present extraordinary Chardge of Thirty pounds p Ann for Seven Yeares upon the Lease of the Tolls of the said City. It is Ordered by the said Maior Aldermen Comltie that in respect thereof the present & Succeeding Maiors of the said City dureing that time shall and are hereby Freed of any Injunction upon them for the makeing of any publique inttemnts[2] or Feasts as hath bene accustomed But that the same shall be wholly left to their discretions to be moderated accordingly as the profitts of the said Lease shall arise &c.

[1] Under the constitution granted by Bishop Matthew's Charter, a common sea became a necessity, and in 1606 Matthew Pattison, son of a burgess of the city, presented an excellently designed silver seal to the Corporation. John Pattison, Mayor of Durham in 1608, is said to have been his father or his brother. (Hutchinson, *Durham*, Vol. II, p. 57.)

[2] entertainments.

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THE BOOKE OF ALL THE MEETINGS OF THE OCCUPACION AND TRAID OF TANNERS with certain paynes and orders Renewed allowed and agreed upon by all the consents and Assents of all or the most pairt of the occupation made the xxvith day of Feabruarie A° dni 1611.

Imprimis It is agreed by the said occupation the day and yeare abovesaid that everie man of the said Trade shall have his place to sett his stall in the markett accordinge to the tyme of his agreement upon payn of everie default to the breakers thereof iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Also it is agreed that whosoever they be of the said occupation that is knowen to disclose any thinge that is doyn or said at any meatings which ought to be kept in secrett amongst ourselves the said offender or offenders shall pay for everie suche default for ther offence iustlye proved vi*s*. viii*d*.

A payn laid that no mans apprentice duringe his time shall bye any hydes neyther in the country nor in the Towen for hym selfe out of the comon markett except some occacion allowed upon payn of x*s*.

A payn is laid that no man shall give his apprentice . . . . . the Tannynge of thre hyd yearely . . . . . apprentice, foles excepted upon payn of . . . . . .[1]

[1] The paper is broken here.

It is consented & agreed also that no man shall take an apprentice from this tyme furth under the term of nine yeares at the least upon payne of x^{li} to the Bishopp of durham & x^{li} to the occupation
We lay a payn that no man of the said Fealowship shall upon any markett day within the bounders of the two chennells[1] nor in any place of the said markett poule[2] any hyde of any horse barke[3] nor that any shall step in one before another in any yrefull manner[4] to handle any hyde to hynder any of the fealowship of ther chapmanship upon payn of everie such default vi*s* viii*d*.
We lay a payn that no man's apprentice shall buy any hyde in the markett duringe his apprentiship except his m^{r} be away or visited with sickness, but that his m^{r} shall buy such hyds as any prentice haith allowed or ells some friend for them as the wardens for the tyme beinge shall allowe upon payn of v*s* to the lord and v*s* to the occupation.
Also we lay a payn that no man of the said Traid shall tann any hyds of any mans ox cowe or horse hyds stekleather[5] or other skins for any money sufficiently proved to pay for everie suche default v*s* to the lord and v*s* to the occupacion.
It is agreed that no person or persons shall have or be admitted to take his place till seaven of the Clocke or after to buy any hides upon payne of——
Also it is consented and agreed by the said occupacion that the clareke of our occupacion for his tyme beinge shall maike all apprentisses Indentures which shall happen to be bounden after this Day And to have for everie paire of Indentures xvi*d* and a bond iiij*d*
And if there be any of the said fealowship which will not give hym knowledge when they have any suche occasion to be doyn to Answere for everie suche default as the occupacion shall thinke meat.

We lay a payn that no man of the said Traid from this day forth

[1] Channels, gutters.

[2] " Poule " is a corruption of pole. To *Poll* hides was to stretch them on beams or poles in the tannery to dry out. Poule has also been explained as " shear " or " poll ".

[3] Barke. The horse chestnut was used in tanning leather and horse urine was used for the same purpose.

[4] In the 1623 issue of the rules we read " violent ireful manner ".

[5] Steck, stek or stirk leather, leather made from the hide of a young cow slaughtered in the autumn. The hide would usually be kept in lime until the spring.

shall lyme[1] culler or Tanne nor any prentice or journaman, any hydes or steckleathers upon payn of everie such default xx*s*.

We lay a payn also that if there happen to be any contention or Debait betwixt any of the said fealowship upon any wronge or Iniurie doyn one to another at any tyme The partie that haith the wronge Doyn shall quietlye maike his cause knowen to the wardens for ther tyme beinge without any brawlinge or Reprochfull speches which is not desent to be doyn one to another but with such Reverend order and manner as is & ought to be . . .[2] mongst everie fealowship upon payn of everie suche . . . . xx*s*.

We lay a payn that no man of the said fealowship at any meatings or assembles that shall have occacion to present any fault or complaint to the wardens for ther tyme beinge of any Inurie doyn one to another but that they shall with such reverent manner and order present any such fault or complaynt to the said wardens with ther hatt of untyll they have maid ther cause knowen, for amongst everie Societie & fealowship the wardens is the head for ther tyme beinge and ought to have some more Reverence than to be all alyke For as the head officer of everie citie is above the citizens even so ought the wardens of everie fealowship to be above ther fealowship for their time beinge And who so ever doith scorne to doe his dutie as aforesaid to the said wardens for their tyme shall pay for everie suche default iij*s*. iiij*d*.

A payn laid also that from this tyme forth when the wardens shall have occacion to warne the occupacion at any tyme to any meating And upon lawfull warninge given if any man wilfully will absent hym selfe at any suche tyme or tymes without some urgent occacion allowed by the said wardens for ther tyme beinge shall pay for everie such absence vi*d* to the lord and vi*d* to the occupacion.

It is also consented Assented and agreed upon by the most pairt of the said Fealowship that if ther be any man of the said fealowship that haith any Barke in custome for the satisfyinge of his owen occupie shall kepe it without eyther sekinge for, molestinge or

[1] *Lime*. For the removal of hair from hides and skins the use of a solution of common lime was almost universal till recent times. Soaking in lime loosens the hairs, which are afterwards scraped off. Nowadays other ways of soaking have superseded the lime method. In the tanning process itself, tannin made from oak-bark was almost universally used in the early sixteenth century and indeed very much later.

[2] Page broken.

offringe to buy any suche barke so beinge in custome of any of the company, provided alwayes that the owner of any suche barke in custome shall dispose so much as is more then will satisfye his owen occupie to the most nedefull of the said fealowship at the discrecion of fower of the said company indeferent men with the two wardens for ther tyme beinge And that no man shall offer or byd any money for any barcke so in custome to hinder or hurt any person or persons havinge any suche barke upon payn of everie default to the breakers thereof x*li*. to the lord and x*li* to the occupacion.

It is consented and agreed also that all the foresaid paynes and orders allowed and agreed upon and those that shall happen hereafter to be maid by a comon consent which shalbe lawfull and beneficiall for the said occupacion shalbe in as full force & effect as these shalbe which we nowe have allowed consented & agreed unto, All other former orders, paynes and merciments[1] made heretofore not withstandinge.

A meatinge on the sands of the occupacion on the xxvijth day of marche Ao dni 1612

The cause of which meatinge was now that the said occupacion upon the xxvj day of Februarie 1611 had a generall meatinge And at which said day was maid redie certayn paynes & orders which the said Fealowship dyd allowe hearinge them all Redd & declared, giving all our assents & consents thereunto for the better quyetnes of all the hole occupacion And nowe the said Fealowship for the better performance kepinge and establishing of all the said paynes & orders then maid and thereafter to be maid by a comon consent have not given all our consents onlie But also for a more Trewe Testimony of the [same] have here under sette our hands and seales the day & yere above wryten.

crofer Hutchinson	cropher	Hudspeth	hugh hutcheson	Signed Xpof— shir [aton]
Signed Willm hutcheson	Signed George Cragg	Signed Nycholas hutcheson senior	Signed Edward Hall	
Signed Raiphe Taylor	nycholas hucheson	Georg harrison	Signed Gregorie hucheson	

[1] *Merciments*—amercements.

Signed
Thomas
Snawball

Signed
heugh
eyre

Signed
Thomas
moore

Cuthbert Egleston
Robert Renoldson
John Rycheson

william Hutchesonn
John preston
R Edward Roddom
his mke.

Willia Tode
Cuthbert Hutcheson
William Sheill

Signed
Thomas
Hucheson

Signed
John
Robeson

Cuthbert
Cornforth

John Hutchinson

michell
wake

Signd
Thomas
hucheson

Signd
George
Taylor

Signd
Anthoney
hutcheson

Signd
John
burdus

Signed William
hutcheso

Signed
Thomas
Hutches

Willm Tod

Signed
John
Dicson

Signed
John
pinckney

Signed
Willm
Johnson

Signed
Rychard
harryson

Signed

Cuthbeart
Hutcheson

Edward Roddom

Signd
John Rycheson

John Preston

Signd
Cuthbert
(Huc)heson

Signd
John
Sheraton

Xrofer
Simpson

Cuthbt[1]
Hutchinson

Jurie presents George Cragg for bringing some of two foothers[2] of barke without makinge the iiij^or^ men acquanted which was apoynted to vewe any such bark so brought home not makinge them acquanted for which default we mercie hym xx*d* And the rest remanyng to be desposed at the discrecion of the said iiij^or^ men so appointed as they think convenient for which xx*d* aforesaid the one halfe to my lord & the other to the occupacōn Alwayes provided that the former fyne of iiij*li* is by our consents of none effect.

Also it is agreed that George Foster's barke now in contraversie

[1] On pp. 5 and 6 of the MS., with the exception of the three top lines of p. 6, there are spaces of oblong shape for the seals beside the signatures, but no seals have been added.

[2] *Foother*. A quantity, a load, a cartload. The meaning varied. In lead it was 16 to 22 cwt., in coal as much as a two-horse cart would contain. The word could mean as much as a packhorse could carry. Generally spelt *fother*.

shalbe disposed the next yere to the occupacion at the discrecion of the said iiij^{or} men appoynted for that purpose.

Also if there be any nedefull person of the occupacion that stands nead of any barke for ther occupie shall come to the said fower men apoynted & they to satisfie them wher they think it most convenient to be had And if any person will not maike them knowen of ther need then it shall be lawfull that any such owner may bringe ther bark home without any fyne to ther owen use.

[1]A meatinge of the occupacion on the Sandes the last of June Ao 1614 Xrofer hucheson.

A meatinge of the occupacion at John Walles house the xxiijth day of october Ao 1612.

The Jurie

Willm Johnson	George cragg
John Robeson	Xrofor sheraton
Thomas Moore	George Taylor
Rarphe Taylor	cuthbert Cornforth
Rychard harryson	John burdus
Anthony hutcheson	Thomas hucheson

Apprentisis chusening A new master.

It is consented & agreed by all our consents that if it happen from henceforth any mans apprentice to depart from his m^{r} eyther by meanes of decay of occupie or by death of his m^{r} the said Apprentice shall not chuse any m^{r} of hym selfe unto suche tyme as he shall maike the wardens of the said occupacion aquainted ther with. And so at ther discrecion place hym as thay thinke meat And also all suche apprentisses so departed from ther said m^{rs} shall serve the rest of ther yeares without any more wages to be paid of any man of the said occupacion more then haith bene acustomed by ther Indentures And that no man of the said occupacion shall give no such Apprentice any more wages upon payn of everie such default to the brekers therof to pay iij*li.* vi*s.* viij*d.*

Jurie presents M^{r} heugh hucheson for byinge A hyde wrongfully out of Thomas Snawballs hand which we fynd a default for which fault we mercie[2] hym iij*s.* iiij*d.*

[1] This last entry in a much smaller handwriting, begun and left unfinished "A place of Comon called the Sands" [*Memorials of St. Giles. Surtees* 1896. p. 13.] The members probably met in one of the houses adjoining.

[2] Amerce

Jurie presents Thomas Snowball for abusinge M^r hucheson with his tonng by Unraysonable speches in open markett which was not desent for which default we mercie hym xii*d.*
We mr'cie George Tayler for such lyke against Willm Johnson for which we mercie hym xii*d.*
We mercie Gregorie hucheson for his disobedience at this meatinge & lawfully warned vi*d.* to the lord & vi*d.* to the occupacion.
We mercie Nycholas hucheson and george harryson for such lyke eyther of them xii*d.*
We present M^r heuge hucheson for hinderinge the fower men appointed for vewinge his barke contrarie a former order maid by all the consents of the occupacion for which default we mercie hym iij*s.* iiij*d.*

New officers chosen for this next year 1613.

Wardens	*Stewarts*
Cuthbert Cornforth	John pinckney
heugh eare	John sheraton

Resaved of John Preston for his Agrement xviij*d.*
by me Cuthbert Cornforth warden November 1612.
Rec^d of willm Todd for his Agreement by chrofer hucheson & chrofer hudspeth in october 1612 xviij*d.*
Those Receyts discharged at the last meatinge beinge the 15 day of Januarie 1612 And of all other Receyts & Layings out for ther tyme beinge And not signe Remaynynge in the boxe.
Received of Edward Crags for his agremente xviij*d.*
by heugh Aire.

A meatinge of the occupacion at John Walles house the xv^th day of Januarie Ao 1612.

The Jurie

Chrofor hucheson	Thomas Snawball
George Cragg	chrofer hudspeth
Nycholas hucheson yonger	Thomas hucheson
Chrofer sheraton	Anthony hucheson
Raiphe Tayler	John Burdus
George Tayler	Thomas Roddom

The Jurie presents Willm Tod for that he byethe hydes contrarie to our order for which we amerce him vi*s.* viij*d.*

The Jurie presents Edward harle for one hyde xii*d.*
The Jurie presents George Tayler for bying an hyde vj*d.*
All Theise presentments stand in force.
The Jurie presents Thomas hutcheson for the lyke vj*d.*
We present Thomas hutcheson for buying thre hydes xij*d.*
We present Edward Craggs for one hydes iiij*d.*
We do present John preston
buying hydes
We laye a payne that frome hencforthe no man shall buy any Butchers hydes fourthe of the market upon payne for everie hyde so buying x*s.*
We further laye a payne that if any man buy any hydes in the Countrie he shall paye of everie suche hyde x*s.*
We laye a payne that no man shall Repaire to any[1]

A meatynge appoynted buy the occupacion on the sands the xijth day of marche 1612.

A meatinge appoynted buy the occupacion on the sands the xvjth day of Aprill 1613.

The Jurie

M^{r} hucheson	chrofer sheraton
Willm hucheson	George Tayler
Raiphe Tayler	Gregorie hucheson
Thomas Snawball	chrofer hudspeth
Rychard harryson	John Burdus
Thomas hucheson	Chrofer Symson

It is agreed that no man shall taike to worke no mans prentice but by the consent of his m^{r} and not the apprentice to hyre hym selfe with any man neyther by weeke quarter nor yere and no man to give any such prentice above v*d.* a day for his wages And for the breakers therof to pay for everie default vj*s.* viij And everie suche prentice to begin his worke at v a clocke in the morninge unto vij at nygt to leve worke.

fower men appoynted for this present yere 1613
as followeth for the vewinge of barke.

Thomas Snowball	Chrofer Sheraton

[1] Page cut here.

Thomas hucheson Georgge cragg
with the two wardens for ther tyme beinge.

The 16 day of Aprill Ao dni 1613.
It is consented and Agreed by the occupacion the day and yere Abovesaid that ther shalbe Fower quartlye meatings kept yerelie and no more except some urgent occacion shall fall out upon necessitie that needs must be doyn. The first quarter day is appoynted upon St peter day the Appostle next comyng The second is St Mathew appostle next before mychellmas. The thride St Thomas after christmas,[1] The Fourth day is our Ladie day in lent. And also it is Agreed That all the hole fealowship which is admytted fremen and also those that hereafter shalbe admytted fre to the said fealowshipp shall upon Lawfull warnynge given by the officers for ther tyme beinge from tyme to tyme and whatsoever they be of the said fealowship upon lawfull warninge doith wilfullye absent them selves from the said meatings as well all those that doe dwell and occupie in the country which is Admytted into the said societie and fealowship as well shall kepe the said quarter days upon sufficient warnynge as well as any brother of the citie upon payn of everie default to the breakers hereof so absentinge them selves beinge lawfully warned shalbe finable for everie absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.

30th decembr 1629
John dobinson George Tailler Jo: Richardson.
Md. that upon the perusall of the order abovesaid, it is thought fit that for so much as the said daies are not quarterlie according to the course of tyme that therefore it be now ordered that ther shalbe yearely fower certaine meeting daies for the said trade in the new house upon the pallace green[2] in durham, vizt the feast of the annunciation of the blessed virgin Marie, the feast of St John Baptist comonly called Midsomer day, the feast of St Michael tharchangell & the sext daie of Januarie of which order nottyce is to be given to the men of this trade who dwell in the Countrie and not onlie they but

[1] St. Thomas of Canterbury Dec 29th.

[2] The New House on Palace Green was also called the County House or New Court. It stood where till recent years the Diocesan Registry stood, where now is the annexe to the Union Society's Rooms. It was built in 1388, pulled down in 1664 and rebuilt by the Bishop. Among other things it was an Assize Court.

all the men of the said trade dwelling within the Cittie of durham and suburbs of the same shall observe the same daies upon paine that everie person absenting himselfe not haveing any reasonable excuse allowed of the meeting daies haveing warning given to the tradesmen of the towne only to forfett for everie default iij*s*. iiij*d*. the one halfe to the Bpp and the other halfe to the trade.

[A general meeting held] the sands the 29 day of June Ao 1613.

The Jurie

Chrofer hucheson	Thomas Snowball
Nycholas hucheson yonger	Willm Johnson
John Robinson	Anthoney hucheson
Thomas more	John Burdus
Rychard harryson	Nycholas comynge
George Tayler	John dicson
George harryson	Edward harle

We fynde chrofer Simpson to have offended against our orders upon breache therein he is to pay[1]

We fynd chrofer Simpson to have offended for that he bought from Thomas heathe his barke & brought the same to his owne use contrarie to our order for which he is to pay xx*d*.

We amerce Chrofe Tayler for his unreverent behaviour to John Robinson contrarie to our order xij*d*.

We fyne Raiphe Tayler for that he brought barke home from Tursdell[2] without makinge the fower men aqqanted ther with contrarie to our order for which he is to pay xx*s*.

Jurie presents Cuthbert cornford for abusinge Gregorie hutcheson with unreverent speches & evill words at Auckland markett which we fynd a default for which we amerce him ij*s*.

We laye a paine that Thomas hutcheson shall not compound with George foster for his Barke above the Rate of xx*s*. a lode, after this yeare but shall agre with him at that Rate, and the same Barke to be for the generall use of the trade some to have it one year and after that such to have the same as shalbe adjudged to have most nede thereof.

Robte Raneson at this meatinge is admitted a fre brother in to the

[1] No sum entered.

[2] Now Tursdale Colliery near Ferryhill.

company of the occupacion upon condicion that is to say for want of servinge certayn yeres of his apprentiship after his m^rs^ decease unexpired is agreed to pay unto the said occupacion iiij*li.* for his admyttance.

Received of Robert Renoldsonn for his agreement by me Heugh Aire xviij*d*

A generall meatinge of the occupacion on the sands the xxj^tt^ day of September 1613.

The Jurie

M^r^ hucheson	George cragg
Nycholas hucheson seneor	chrofer sheraton
Thomas hucheson the elder	George Tayler
Anthoney hucheson	chrofer hudspeth
Willm hucheson	chrofer Symson
John pinckney	John burdus

It is consented & agreed by the said Jurie the day & yere Abovesaid what sucsessor or incomer that shall here after denye & will not subscribe his hand and seale to all these former orders and agrements which is heretofore made & hereafter shalbe maid upon payn of any suche denyell to pay for the default xx*s*.

At a quarter metinge upon the 29th day of December being S. Thomas day after Christemas.

William hutcheson	George Cragg
Gregorie hutcheson	Chrofer Sherantonn
Thomas Moore	George Tayler
Thomas Snawball	John Burdus
Thomas hutchesonn	William Todd
Richard herrisonn	Thomas Hutcheson

We do amarch Huew Hucheson xij*d*.
for being absent
We do amarch nickolas hucheson xij*d*.
We do amarh George huchison xij*d*
Christopher Simpson for the like xij*d*
Christopher hucheson xij*d*
We do amarch Robert Renison for not subscribe his hand and Seale to all thes former orders xx*s*

We dow amarche John preston for the like xx*s.*

Nue oficers for this yeare chosinge the 29th of December 1613

wardans	*stuerds*
John Robison	William Johnson
George Tailer	William Tode

A Generall meatinge of the Sands beinge 29th day of March 1614 Received by us John Robinson & George Taylour Wardens of the Trade iij*li.* vij*s.* vi*d.*

Jurie

George Crags	Thomas Moore
Nicolas Hutchesonn seniō	Chrofer Simpsonn
Nicolas Hutchesonn	Thomas Hutchesonn Junior
William Hutchesonn	John Burdas
Gregorie Hutchesonn	Anthonie Hutchesonn
Thomas Snawball	William Johnsonn

We do amerce John Robinson & George Taylour beinge Wardens of our Trade for not keepinge our quarter meatinge this Ladie day in Lent for which defaulte we amercie either of them xij*d.*

We do amercie chrofer hutchesonn Raiph Taylor George herrison and Richard herryson for their absence beinge Lawfully warned everie one of them to pay vi*d.* to the trade & vi*d.* to my Lor. of Durhā.

fower men appointed for the vewinge of Barke with the wardens.

Thomas moore	Chrofer Simpson
Thomas Hutchesonn	John Burdas

Received by me George Taylor for Thomas Hutcheson his agremente xviij*d.*

Received by me George Tayler for Cuthbert hucheson his agremente xviij*d.*

It is consented & agreed upon amongst the whole trade that noe brother of the said Societie shall take any apprentise until he be able to worke him of his owne goods upon everie suche def[aulte]

. . .

We lay a paine by the consente of the whole trade that any man take a prentise and be not able to worke him att entrie of his trade & that noe freman of the said Trade shall sett him upon any worke

upon paine of everie such defaulte vi*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
We lay a paine that noe man of our said trade shall open his stall Bagge to sell any Lether before the Corne[1] Bell doth ringge on paine of everie suche defaulte vi*s*. viij*d*.

A generall meatinge on the sandes the xxix daie of Juen 16[14].

Christopher huchison	Huewe Arre[2]
William Huchison	George Crages
Thomas moure	Christopher Shirrinton[3]
Thomas Snaball	John Burdas
Thomas Huchison the elder	Robart Renison
John pinkell	John Shirrinton

We am'cie Thomas hutcheson the elder for bringinge home his lood of Barke contrarie to o^r^ orders the some of x*li*. to the lord x*li*. to the occupacion from beare pk iij iiij to the Bishopp and iij*s*. iiij*d*. to the occupacon.

We am'cie Gregorie hutcheson for biding for undeowe(?) Barke xx*d*. to the Lorde and xx*d*. to the occupacon.
We am'cie Raiphe Tayler for byinng Barke contrarie to orders iij*s*. iiij*d*. to the Lord & iij*s*. iii*d*. to the ocupac̄on.
We am'cie Chrofer Simpson for bieinng Barke contrarie to orders iij*s*. iiij*d*. to the Lord & iij*s*. iiij*d*. to the occupacon.
We am'cie willm Johnson for bieing some Barke iii*s*. iiij*d*. to the lorde and iij*s*. iiij*d*. to the occupac̄on.
We laye a payne that Heughe hutcheson, Willm hutcheson and George Herrinson nor any of theme shall bringe any more ba(rke) in to their howse then they have alredie brought home provided that the p'sons nedefull shall within thre daies Repaire to the owners and Comp . . . for the same or els everie man to be dischardged that haithe such ba(rke) to spare and hereafter whosoever shall not offer his service and help in dew tyme that is to saye at the pealing[4]

[1] Corn Bell. A bell rung on market days to give notice that buying and selling might now begin. The hour at which it was rung varied from time to time.
[2] Aire or Eyre.
[3] Sheraton.
[4] The peeling of the bark took place in April or May when the sap was rising in the tree. Rings were cut round the tree soon after it was felled and the bark was then peeled off in narrow strips which were collected in large ricks at the tannery. [R. J. Adcock, *Leather*, pp. 34, 64.] Apparently all the members of the Company took their share in this work.

of such Barke to help towards the pealinge thereof or otherwyse such as Refuse shalbe without benefitt of Bark this yere if the persons above named Refuse to let such as be nedefull then they & everie of them to paye for offending the some of xx*s*. to the lord & xx*s*. to the occupac̄on.

We am'cie Christopher simpson for his absence at this meetinge vi*d*.

We am'cie Thomas hutcheson for that he Refused to shere his Barke to men appoynted ij*s*. vi*d*.

We am'cie Chrofer Simpson for buyinge one oxe hyde fourthe of the mket

we am'cie xx*d*.

We am'cie chrofer Simpson for bidinge monney for a cowe hyde not on the m'ket daye vi*d*.

A Generall meatinge in the new place the 21 day of Sept.

William hutchesonn	George Craggs
Thomas Moore	Cuthbert Cornfourth
Gregorie Hutcheson	chrofer Simpsonn
Thomas Hutcheson Junior	John Burdas
Anthonie hutchesonn	Robert Renoldson
Nicolas Cominge	John Sherrinton

We amercie Robert Renoldsonn for Buyinge a hyde forth of George herrison hande xij*d*.

We amercie Thomas hutchesonn for buyinge a hyd in Thomas Baitsonns shoppe contrarie our orders for defaulte we amercie him iij*s*. iiij*d*.

We amercie Ritchard Herrisonn for buyinge a hyde before m'kett in Edward Taylers shopp stall contrarie our order for which defaulte we amercie him xij*d*.

We amercie Nicolas Hutchesonn senior Ralph Taylor Thomas Snawball Thomas Hutchesonn John Preston for theire absence everie one of them—vj*d*. to the [ocupac̄on] & vj*d*. to the Bishopp of Durham.

We lay a paine that no man shall come into the mkett hill to buy any hyds before eight of the Cloke in the morninge upon paine x*s*.

A generall metint of the sands the xxix daie of December.

william Hucheson	Richard Herrison
Rafe Tailer	Christopher Shirrinton
Gregory Huchison	George Crages
Thomas Moure	John Burdas
George Herrison	Chritopher Simpson
Thomas Huchison junior	Antony Huchison

We dowe amarchy Thomas Snaball xij*d.*
We dowe amarchy John rudde for the like xij*d.*
We dowe amarchy Thomas Hutchison son of Thomas huchson xij*d.*
We dowe amarchy Christopher Huchson xij*d.*
We dowe amarchy william Johnson for his illbehaver xij*d.*

new ofersers chosen for this yeare the xxix of december.

new wardens chosen	*Steuewards*
George Herrison	Robarte Rennison
John Burdas	Richard Herrison

The quarter meatinge upon the Sandes the xxix of June 1615.
We Am'cie willm hutcheson Junior for his absence at our meatinge vi*d.*

A Jurie the daye and yeare abovesaid.

Chrofer hutcheson	Chrofer Sherreton
Willm hutcheson	George Crages
Gregorie hutcheson	George Tayler
Thomas Snawball	Cuthbte Egleston
Anthony hutcheson	Chrofr Simpson
Raiphe Tayler	Willm Johnson

We Am'cie John Pynkney for buying one Cow hyde frome willm Johnson, for which we am'cie him vi*d.*
We Am'cie Willm Johnson for buying one Cow hyde from John pinckney for which we am'cie him vi*d.*
We Am'cie Ralphe Renalson for buying Custom Barke contrarie to our orders xl*s.* to the lord xl*s.* to the trade.

. . . . 1615.

We laye a paine that no p'son hereafter shall buy any bargaine Barke but within thre daies next after the buying therefor that such person or persons shall give knowledge thereof unto the Alder-

man for the tyme beinge to thend that the same shalbe disposed as shalbe thought fitt by the moste of the fellowshipp upon paine of xl*s*. to the Lord and xl*s*. to the trade.

Receaved at the aistmealmt[1] of John Robinson as his full ackompt the Just Somme of 3*li*. 7*s*. 6*d*.

More recaved of John Robinson for a fyne of Richard Herrieson vi*d*.

Receaved for Leaonell Carnardley[2] greament xviij*d*.

More Recaved of Georg Tailler for greaments vj*s*.

The whole some 3*li*. 15*s*. 6*d*.

Cuthbte hutcheson paid his agremt xviij*d*.

William Sheele paid his agremt xviij*d*.

Edward Rodhame paid his agremt xviij*d*.

Disbursed of the some abovesaid at david blythemans xvi*s*.

disbursed more there viij*s*.

disbursed to the xvij*s* vi*d*.

disbursed and given to Jo: Robinson v*s*.

x*l* vi*s*. vi*d*. Remanith xxxiij*s*. vi*d*.

More Rc of Raphe Tayler vi*d*.

Remember George herreson Remaining & in his hande xxj*d*.

Names of the gen'all meatinge on the Sandes the xxviij[th] of June.

Will[m] hutcheson	chrofer Sheroton
Gregorie hutcheson	George tayler
Johes Robinson	Cuthbte Cornfourthe
Raiphe Tayler	chrofer Simpson
Willm Johnson	Johes Dyckson
George Cragge	Johes Pynkney

Heughe hutcheson for his absenc the daye abouese[d] being contrarie to an order made iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Thomas Snawball for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Nickolas hutcheson for the lyke iij*s*. iiij*d*.

We present Johes Sherretonn for his disorderlie Chapmanrie against John Robinson in buying of one oxe hyde. We am'cie him for the some of xii*d*.

We present Raiphe tayler for undecent speaches to Gregorie hucheson xij*d*.

[1] Instalment.
[2] Lionel Carnaby.

We present Gregorie hucheson for his undecent speaches to Raiphe Tayler xij*d.*

Wardones for this year	*Stuerds*
George Cragges	John Richesone
John Prestone	George Crages

Pade to the hands of the now wardones by the hands of Richard Herresonne and John Dicksone x shillings

For abs:

Nich. hutcheson iun	Jo: Richardson
Christ: Simpson	Nich: Richardson
Tho: Gibson	Cuth. Hutchinson
	also Johnes Cut . . .

The xxix[th] of June 1616.

George herreson & Johne Burdas chosen wardens for the year 1615 who according to the Orders of the Tann's of the Cyttie of Durham have p'sented themselves and do offer there whole accompte and tender ther monney dew to the Trade and do desire to be discharged as by our order they oughte the daye & yere abovesaid.

Wardens for the yere 1616.

Wardens	*Stewards*
Thomas hutcheson	Cuthbte hutcheson
Chrofe[r] Simpson	Johes Sherieton

paid forthe of the money unto the poor in gilegait[1] of the trad.
Rec[d] by the wardens at the last meatinge
33*s.* 6*d.* wher by dispurst v*s.* to the poor of the trad in gilegait.
Rec[d] of John Rycheson for his agrement xviij*d.*

A meatinge of the occupacion the xxj[th] day of September Anno 1616.

The Jurie

Receyved the day & yere above said of Thomas hucheson & Chrofer Sympson wardens for this yere ij*s.* vi*d.* in pte of my wages for ther tyme beinge by me Robte hudspith.

A meatinge appoynted of the occupacion on the Sands the xxx[th] day of october 1616.

[1] Gilesgate.

The Jurie

Chrofor hucheson	Raiphe Tayler
Chrofor sheraton	George Tayler
Willm hucheson	Robte Ranardson
Gregorie hucheson	willm Johnson
Thomas Moore	Anthoney hucheson
John burdas	hew eare

Jurie presents Nycholas hucheson yonger for his absence at this meatinge vi*d.*

Thomas Snawball John Robinson George harryson heugh hucheson for suche lycke disobedience everie one vj*d.* a peace.

A quarter meatinge of the occupacion appoynted the xxvth day of m'che 1617.

Receyved of Nycholas Rycheson his agrement xviij*d.*

Receyved of Thomas hucheson & chrofer symson wardens for this yere last for my wages Robte hudspethe v*s.* vj*d.*

Rec^{d} for halfe a yere by past ij*s.* vi*d.*

paid for a key to the boxe of the occupacion[1] iiij*d.*

A meatinge of the occupacion on the Sandes the xxijth day of october 1617.

Wardens chosen for this next yere 1618.

Wardens	*Stewards*
Rychard harryson	Cuthbert Egleston
Robte Ranalson	John Sheraton

Receyved of chrofer symson & Thomas hucheson wardens for the last yere at ther account at this meatinge to the hands of the new wardens Rychard harryson & Robte Raneson the some of xxiij

A meatinge of the occupacion appoynted by the wardens on the Sands the xiiijth day of Novemb^{r} 1617.

The Jurie

Chrofor hucheson	John Robinson
Gregorie hucheson	Raiphe Tayler
Chrofor symson	heugh hucheson

[1] The books and documents of each company were kept in small oak chests and judging by those which remain these were much of a size and pattern. That of the Barbers' is dated 1729.

Anthoney hucheson	John burdus
Nycholas Rycheson	Thomas hucheson
Willm Johnson	John Dicson

Jurie presents Nycholas hucheson younger for his absence at this meatinge & lawfully warned for which default we m'cie hym vj*d.* to the lord & vj*d.* to the occupacion.

We m'cie T. hucheson for such lyeke xij*d.*

We m'cie thomas more & Edward Roddom for such lyke eyther of them xij*d.*

We m'cie willm hucheson yonger & Thomas Lee for suche lyke eyther of them xij*d.*

We m'cie george Tayler suche lyke xij*d.*
whereof vi*d.* to the lord.

We m'cie John Rycheson for such lyke absence xij*d.*

We lay a payn that no man of the said trayd shall buy any hyde or hydes of John Robeson thelde or any other of the trayd bought in the m'kett or any other place except they use them for their owen use that is noe man to sell any such hyde or hydes so bought unto suche tyme as they shalbe lawfully Tanned without any fraud or desembling to be hurtfull to the trayd in any case upon payn of everie suche default iustlye proved to pay[1]

A quarterlie meatinge of the occupacion the 29 day of December 1617.

The Jurie

George Cragg	John Rycheson
George Tayler	John dicson
Chrofor symson	Thomas moore
John burdus	John preston
John Robeson senor	heugh eare
Willm Johnson	Thomas hucheson

We m'cie Nycholas hucheson yonger for his absence at this meatinge & lawfully warned xij*d.*

We m'cie Edward Roddam for suche lyke xij*d.*

We lay a payn that no man of the occupacion from henceforth shall by any butchers hydes out of the m'kett nor that no man shall resorte to any shopes to buy any hyde or hyds out of the comon

[1] Paper cut.

m'kett upon payn for everie suche hyde so bought to pay vi*s*. viij*d*.
We am'cie Cuthbert Egleston for byinge of a hyde wrongfully out of george Tayler's hand for which default we am'cie hym vi*d*.

A meatinge on the Sands the 23 day of mrche 1617.

The Jurie

Chrofor hucheson	John burdus
George Cragg	John Rycheson
Raiphe Tayler	Anthoney hucheson
George Tayler	Nycholas Rycheson
Willm hucheson	John preston
Chrofor Symson	Thomas hutcheson yonger

Jurie presents Edward Roddom for that publickly in court before M^r^ bayley[1] the said Edward evidently did chardg the warden of our trade to have in mallyce done him hard measures which we have dewlie examined and we find the said Edward Roddom to have uniustly charged the said warden for which we am'cye hym xii*d*.
We present Thomas hutcheson for that he the said Thomas gave consent unto Nycholas hutcheson to use his best skill towards the buying of one horse hyde for which we am'ce hym the said Thomas vj*d*.
We present willm Johnson for that the said willm haythe contrarie to our orders to which he hayth consented and hath done contrarie therein for which we am'cy hym xij*d*.
We present Willm Johneson for the unlawfull buying of two hydes from willm hutcheson for which default we am'cy him ij*s*.
Phillop Chilton at this meatinge is maid A fre brother to the occupacion and traid of Tanners and haith paid for his Admyttance to the said occupacion ii[2].
Item paid for charges at chrofer Armestrongs for the hole occupacion ix

A quartly meatinge apoynted by the wardens of the occupacion the 29 day of June Ao Dni 1618.

A quartly meatinge of the occupacion the 29 day of June Ao 1619.

[1] The Bishop's bailiff was still holding his court in the Tolbooth, though there was bitter opposition on the part of the citizens. The matter was much in dispute. The Mayor's bailiff also claimed to hold courts, but at present the King's Court of Exchequer had decided in favour of the Bishop.

[2] The edge of the paper cut too closely on binding.

A quarterlye meatinge apoynted of the occupacion the 21 day of September 1619.
New offecers chosen by the consent of the occupacion at this meatinge.

Wardens	*Stewerds*
George Cragg	heugh hucheson of sydgaite
Thomas hucheson thelder	& Edward Cragg

Rec at this meatinge of Rychard harryson & Robte Raneson wardens for their tyme beinge at this account to the new wardens george cragg & Thomas hucheson the some of iij*li.* iij*s.* x*d.*
Michell waike at this meatinge is maid A fre brother of the occupacion & Traid of Tanners & haith paid for his Admittance the some of xl*s.* to the said occupacion.

Rec of Thomas dobeson at this time for his Agrement xviij*d.*
Rec. also at this meatinge of michell waike for his Agrement xviij*d.*
Itm paid at this tyme in expencs for the said occupacion at widowe blythmans xxix*s.*
Itm more paid for wyne at the same tyme iiij*s.*
Itm paid in framwelgait the same day iiij*s.*
Itm paid to Robte hudspeth for his wages vi*s.*

A quarter meatinge of the occupacion on the Sands the 29 day of June 1620.
Rec of John hucheson sonne of John hucheson deceased for his Agrement xviij*d.*

A meatinge of the occupacion the 26 day of September Ao dni 1620.
Itm paid at Robert Ranesons in expencs for the occupacion the day Abovesaid xij*s.* iiij*d.*

A generall meatinge of the occupacion in gilegait the xxjth day of November & the dinner at Robert Ranesons Ao dni 1620.
Rec of Cuthbert Dicson for his agrement xviij*d.*

A meating of the occupacion the xxj of November 1620.

Item paid for the musake there	Raiph tayler Willm hutcheson Thomas Moore	Item spent at oure feast in wine xxvj*s.*

denneres at Robert Rennerdson vij*s*.
Spent at William Marches xij*d*.
Spent at the setting of the Feast by the Wardens xii*d*.

Gregorie hutcheson
Jo. Robinson
Heughe Ayer
Anthony hutcheson
George tayler
Cuthbt Egleston
Chrofer hutcheson
Willm Johnson

Item more to the museke at that time vi*s*.

Item more paide for Robert heudspeth and wee Buye for our(?) denners at our feast ii

Item more spente for oure feast at Cuthbert Rennerrson

We present Thomas Moor for buying thre hydes unlawfully from Wm hucheson for which we Am'cie him xviii*d*.
The Jurie now Returned as of ancient tymes haith bene accustomed for the tryall of offences committed by such as contrarie to good orders do make breache. the Alderman now for the tyme being doth by vertewe of his . . . .[1] chardgeth everie man upon pane of xx*s*. to depte (?depute) to it such as are apoynted for this Jurie and service now to be done.
We present willm hutcheson for buying a hyd from . . . . . for which we am'ce hym vi*d*.
We present John Preston for buying a hyde from Tho Moor for which we am'cie him vj*d*.
We present John pynkney for not observing of orders condescended unto by his owne Consent for which we Am'cie him vi*s*. viij*d*.
We present Willm hutcheson for the lyke vj*d*.

A quarter meting the xxix day of december by moste parte of the ocupation in St Margaret Church 1620.
newe officers chosen at this metting by the moste parte of the occupatione.

Wardenes	*Stuerdes*
William Johnson	William hutcheson
George Taileer	

Recaved at the hands of George Crages and Thomas hutchison wardenes for there time being ij*s*.

[1] " Office " or some such word.

A Jury the 22th of March 1620.

George Cragge	Richard harryson
chrofer Simpson	John Robinson
Willm hutchinson	John Richardson
Nicholas hutchinson	Anthony hutchinson
Gregory hutchinson sen.	Thomas hutchinson
Thomas Moore	

We doe amarcie John hutchinson for a bucing Gregorie hutcheson wth his tongue in open markett with evill words ij*s.* vi*d.*

Wee also Amarcie Thomas hutchinson for buying two hids contrary to our orders vi*d.*

A payne laid that everie man that hath taken a prentis this twelve moneth shall bringe his indentures the next meating in payne of vj*s.* viij*d.*

A generall meatinge in St Margrats Church the 16th of Aprill 1621.

Willm hutchinson	Anthony hutchinson
Raiph Tailer	chrofer Simpson
Gregory hutchinson	John Richardson
Thomas Moore	Heugh Ayre
John Robinson	

Remaineing of the first sesse paid unto Mr Maire Remaineing in George Tailer hands 3*s.* 1*d.*

A meatinge in St Margarets the 25th April 1621.

The Jurie

Willm Hutcheson	Christopher Simpson
George Cragg	Anthony Hutcheson
Raiphe Tailer	Richarde Harrieson
Nicholas Hutcheson Junior	Robert Reneieson
Gregory Hutchesō	John Robinson
Nicholas Hutchesō Seneor	John Richardson
Thomas Moore	John dickson

We doe am'cie Edward Rodham for seting John wren a worke being noe lawfull apprentice vj*s.* viij*d.*

It is consented and agreed by the whole occupacion that Edward Rodham forthwith from hensforth shall put a way John Wren which is noe lawfull apprentis whereof we lay a payne of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

A quarter meating the 29th of June 1621.

Jury

George Cragg	Richarde harrieson
Willm hutcheson	Christofor Simpson
Raiphe Tailer	Anthony hutcheson
Gregory hutcheson	Robt Renielsõ
John Robinson	John dixson
Thomas Moore	John Richedson

Jury presents George Tailer for breaking a consent maid by the whole occupacon for which wee am'cie hym the one half to my Lord the other to the occupation xx*s.*

Wee am'cie Cuthbert hutcheson for setinge John wren a worke contrary to our orders we am'cie him xij*d.* the one half to my lord the other to the occupacon xij*d.*

Jury presents Thomas hutcheson for setinge John wren a worke contrary to our orders. We am'cie him xij*d.* the one half to my Lord the other to the occupacion xij*d.*

Wee doe am'cie Nicholas hutcheson for setinge Mr hugh hutcheson apprintic a worke contrary to our orders we am'cie him . . . .

Wee doe am'cie Gregory hutcheson for setinge hugh Ayre apprentic a worke contrary to the orders we am'cie him vi*s.* viij*d.*

A payne laid that noe man shall set any mans apprentice a worke without the consent of all the whole occupacion from henceforth upon payn of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

A quarter meatinge the 21th of September 1621 in St Margratts Church.

Wee amarcy Thomas hutcheson elder for his absents xij*d.* the on half to my lord bushopp the othere to the occupation xij*d.*

Wee amarcy John dixon for the like xij*d.*

Wee amarcy Richard harrieson for the like xij*d.*

Wee amarcy Cuthbt Egleston for the like xij*d.*

Wee amarcie John Preston for the like xij*d.*

It is agreed by the consent of all the whole occupation that ev'rie man shall bringe in his apprintic' indentures at the next meatinge in payn of lx*s.* the one half to the Bushop the othere to the occupation 40*s.*[1]

[1] Note the lx and the 40s. The latter is probably meant.

Wee amercie christopher simpson for his absence xij*d.*
Wee amarcy Lionel Carnaby for the like xij*d.*
Wee amarcy Thomas lee for the like
Rec of John Robinson for his agrement xviij*d.*
Rec of Myles Tailer for his agremente by me william Johnson paid untoue xij*d.*
Recd of wm Johnson in parte of paymente of my wages xij*d.*

A generall meatinge —— of —— 1622.

George Cragg	Richard harreyson
William hutcheson	John Prestonn
Raiphe Tailer	Cuthbt Eglestonn
Gregory hutcheson	Anthony hutcheson
John Robinson, elder	Nicholas Richardson
John Robinson	Edward Roddam
Thomas Moore	
Robte Renelson	

Rec^{d} of hughe hutcheson the 8th of octob^{r} by me william Johnson and george Tailer wardens for his agream^{t} 18*d.*
paid of the warden for keepinge of the booke by willm Johnson xij*d.*
We Amarcy John hutcheson for tanninge of hides contrary to our order wee amarcy him v*s.*
Wee amarcy Thomas lee for breaking of the same order wee amercy him xx*s.*
Wee amarcy Lionel Carnaby for his absence xij*d.*
Wee amarcy Thomas for the like xij*d.*
Wee amarcy Cuthbt hutcheson for the like xij*d.*

New offices chosen by the Consent of the occupation at our last meatinge.

Wardens	*Stewerds*
George Cragg	Christopher Simpson
John Richardson	Lionel Carnabey

It is consented and aproved by the consent of all the whole occupation that noe man shall buy any butchers hids in their shoppes or houses but in open markett on the markett day—Upon every offender soe offending to pay ten shilling to the Bushopp and ten shillings to the occupac̄on.

1622: Januarie 21.

Rec by willm Johnson and George Tailer into our hand the new wardans v*s.* vj*d.*
Receaved of George Taller 3*s.* 4*d.*
Receaved of Cuthbert hucheson 6*d.*
Receaved of John Dixson 6*d.*
Receaved of Richard harison 6*d.*
Received of Cuthbert hutcheson 6*d.*
Receaved of Thomas Lee 6*d.*
Receaved of Lynell Carnabe 6*d.*
Receaved of Cuthbert Egleston 6*d.*
Receaved of Edward Rodham 12*d.*

The Receatt hearof is 13*s.* 4*d.*

Dispurse for suinge John hucheson vii*d.*
and to Lyonell Carnabe for waring[1] of the tannar of hilton viii*d.*
Moore dispursed for suing of Tho: Gibson for a suppelnye[2] and writinge of a bill ij*s.* x*d.*
A Receat of Thomas gibsones xl*s.*
payed in george marchell hous for drinke and after he was sworne before Mr Mayor 4*d.*
In drinke 18*d.*
Disbursed vj*s.* bate j*d.*

the Tenth of october 1623.

at our last meating laid fourth.
to the waites[3] xij*d.*
to Robert hudspeth xij*d.*
to weddow Rodham xij*d.*
In Drinke and bread iij: iiij*d.*

What george Cragges and John richeson dispurse in thare tyme being wardans.

for darnton Jorney
Ralph Taller 2*s.*
George Cargg 12*d.*

for kepeinge the book
Thomas hucheson 12*d.*

[1] Warning. [2] Sub-poena.

[3] The waits were a small town band who were in attendance on important civic occasions, such as the dinners of the companies. For several generations they seem to have been confined to a family of the name of Shadforth, the last of whom, William, was for a time a Sheriff's officer.

A generall meting the xxviij day March in Margret Church in the (year) of our Lord 1623.

Ralph Taller	Thomas hucheson the elder
nicholas hucheson	Thomas hucheson the younger
John Robeson	Thomas mouer
Grigori hucheson	John priston
Willm Johnson	Edward Rodham
Georg Tallor	Cuthbert hucheson
Robert Rennoldson	

Pd. We marcy hugh hucheso for Recaivg & bying of hids contrary to a former order we marcy him xij*d.*
We marcy John hucheson for unreverence to the wholle occopacy we marcy him xij*d.*
Pd. We marcy will^{m} hucheson for byinge v hides from Ralph tayler wrongfully we marcy him xij*d.*
We marcy John hucheson for the lick[1] xij*d.*
We laye a payene that no man shall open his clout leather bag befor the corn bell ring according to our former order uppon payne
Memorandum that John huchesonn doth[2]

Wee Amarcy George Taler for his Absence att our last meting xij*d.*
Item paid to the Clarkes drink at three times 6*d.*
Item paid to Cuthbert Kinages 1*s.* 6*d.*
Item paid unto Robert herresonn for the new house 2*d.*

A meating in St Margarits Church the xxviij of September 1624.

A Jury the daye and yeare above saide by the holl consent of the occupatione.

George Crags	Robt Ranalson
nicholas hutchinson Junior	Thomas hutchinson alius
Raiph Tayler	John dixson
Willm Johnson	Cuth hucheson se
Willm hutcheson Sen.	Cuth hucheson
Gregorye hutcheson	Willm hucheson Jn.
John Robynson	Myles Tayler

We doe am'cy Robart Ranalson the day and year above sayd by all the consent of the occupation for his unreverent behaviour and most

[1] like. [2] Bottom of the page cut away.

wild abuses and for takinge from us whos names above sayd of oure booke of good orders appertayning unto all the followshipe which booke he tooke violently from us we am'cy hym xl*s*.
by the consent of the Jury above saide being about the chosing of new ofesers and being prevented by Robt Ranalson by taking of our book violently from us we refer the parties thereof untill a newe daye.
John Adamson is bound Apprentice unto Thomas hucheson of framwellgait Tanner his entrance beinge the third day of may in the yere of our Lord god 1620.
Thomas Grenwell is bound pprentas unto Thomas uch in son of framellgat Taner his entre being at martenmas last 1623.
John Tayler is bound pprentas unto James Tay[ler] of fromewellgat Taner his entre was the first day of agust being lamas day 1625.

Steven Cichin son of Edward Cichin of wasto is bound apprantus unto John Tayler of framwellgait tanner his entrance being the fourt day of agust 1629.

A meatinge upon the Sandes the xxix[th] day of June 1623.

A Jurie the same daye for the better observeing the ordinancies and kepeing the sume.

Willm hutcheson		Heughe hutcheson	
Raphe tayler		Johne hutcheson to	vj*d*.
John Robinson		Nycholas Richardson to	ij*s*. vi*d*.
Thomas Moore		Edward Rodham to	ij*s*. vi*d*.
Robte Renoldson	i*s*.	Myles Tayler Ex	
John Preston		Lyonell Carnobie	ij*s*. vi*d*.
George herieson			

The Jurie doe present George Tayler for unlawfull buying of one Bull hide of Richard Smith, Contrarie to Ancient orders for which the Jurie do Am'cie him iij*s*. iiij*d*.
The Jurie doe present Thomas Moor for the lyke, yet no iij*s*. iiij
The Jurie present Raphe talyer the like vi*d*.
The Jurie doe present John hutcheson for tanning of two hydes — xvj*d*. contrarie to an order vi*d*.
to the same iiij We precent Mychaell wake for his absence being
hutcheson iiij warned by the steward xij*d*.
Tayler iiij We present Gregorie hutcheson for taking away a hyde

We present willm hutcheson for buying one hyde in John hutchesons Roome vi*d*.
We present Cuthbert Egleston for his absenc xii*d*.
The Jurie doe present Tho: hutcheson senior for buying Barke contrarie to an Ancient order frome George Cragg being Custom barke for which we am'ce hym vi*s*. viii*d*. to the Lord and vi*s* viij*d*. to the trade.

A meatinge the tenth of october in St Margarets Churche 1623.

Such as were warned by Lyonell Carnabie to a meateinge the daye and yeare above sayd, being Steward of the Trade.

Willm hutcheson senior	Cuthbte Egleston
Jo: Dyckson for his absenc	Jo: preston for his absence
	Willm Johnson for his absenc ii*s*.

A Jurie the daye and yeare above sayde.

Raphe Tayler	Tho: hutcheson
Nycholas hucheson	Cuthbt Dykson
Gregorie hucheson	Nyckolas hutcheson senr.
John Smythe	Edward Rodham
Thomas Moor	Heughe Ayr
George Tayler	Cuthbt Egleston
Robte Renoldson	Edward Rodham
chrofer Sympson	Jo: dykson
Anthony hucheson	

Edward Rodham Mr Test — Jurie present George Tayler for forestalling the m'kett in Buying a Bull hyde unlawfully as the sayd was brought to present the mkett ij*s*.

Jo Robinson Ju, he — Jurie present Willm Johnson for buying of one hyde unlawfully; vzt., Jno Robinson haveing the first offer for which we am'ce him iii*s*. iiij*d*.

The Jurie doe present Thomas hutcheson for buying of some hyde, in the Butcher shopp contrarie to Ancient order and statute lawes made for just buying of hydes on the mket days, for which we Am'cie him

The Jurie doe present George Tayler for the lyke contrarie to Auncient orders being otherwyse bought the Jurie Am'ies hym but whereas if it had bene upon the m'kett daye it is the Am'iente of xx*s*.

The Jurie doe present George tayler for an offence of that kynde but presented to be of the m'ket day for which we Am'cie him

The Jurie present Thomas hutcheson for buying one hyde in the butcher's shopp, for which we Am'cie hym vi*d.*

The Jurie doe present George Tayler for the lyke haveing offended divers and many tymes vi*s.* viii*d.*

The jurie doe present Nykolas Richeson for buying of two hydes unlawfully for which we Am'cie him ii*s.*

It is this daye ordered consented and agreed upon that any hyde presenting the m'kett being Butchers hydes shalbe bought out of the m'kett upon payne that ev'ie one so offending shall forfete for everie sev'all offenc' iij*s.* iiij*d.*

It is by the generall consent agreed upon that for this present yeare for St Gyles ye doe make and appoynt for the Alderman of the trade Chrofer Simpson and for Framwelgate the Jurie with the gen'all consent doe appoynt for the Alderman of the Trade for this yeare Anthony hutcheson to whom this present daye by the last Alderman the sayd Chrofer Simpson & Anthony hutcheson have Rec the Boxe with . . .

Steward & for this yeare.

Tho: Dobinson & Jo: Preston.

A meeting upon the Sands the 26th day of September 1620.

It is consented and agreed upon the day & yeare abovesaid by all the Consents of the whole traid that non of the said occupacion shall buy any butcher hids but in open markett and alsoe every man that hath the handling of such butcher hide non of the said Fellowshipp shall buy them from him upon paine of ev'ie such default for transgression and breaking of everie such order xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

It is farthere agread upon by all the said traid that noe member shall buy any hids but for his owne use and shall not contract them on to any other upon paine of everie such default xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

The Jurie with the generall consent do order and set downe that whereas divers of our Trade were found to offend against Certaine orders constituted and appoynted and dew order of theme according to their severall offences pay his and their money as dew. Now so it is that George tayler doe wilfully Refuse to pay such proporc̄on

as others had, Therefore the Trade all with one consent do appoynt the Warden upon payne of x*s*. to Awayte the said George Taylor & so collect the uttermost of his Fyne.

Received of George Cragg & John Richardson, oulde wardens, xxj*s*. x*d*. delivered into chrofor Sympson & Anthony hutchinson as our accompte dothe appeare 28 of october 1623.

1624.

John Robeson
Willm hucheson
george Cargges
Ralph Tayler
nycholas hucheson
grygre hucheson
Thomas more
hugh Are
John Robeson
George harison
Thomas hucheson
Willm Johnson
Anthonye hucheson
Nycholas cominge
Rychard harryson
george Tayler
Christop simson
Robert Renoldson
Thomas hucheson

John dexson
Cuthbert hucheson eld.
Cuthbert hucheson
willm hucheson
Cuthbert Egylston
John Preston
Tho: Lee
hugh hucheson
Lyonell Carnabie
Edward Rodham
Nicholas Richardson
John Richardson
Willm Sheall
Tho: dobeson
John hucheson
Cuthbert . . . .[1]
John . . . .
Nyc . . . .
Tho . . . .

Absent the xxvth of March.

Willm hucheson senior
Georg. Craggs
nicholas hucheson Jun.
John Pyngney

John Preston
nicholas Ritcherdson
Thomas Dobbyson Junior

John wren bound apprintic unto John Robinson the elder his Granfather the xxx of January 1617.

The iiijth day of Mche Ao 1611.

[1] Page torn.

The names in order of all the occupacion as they dyd agree of as many as at this present is nowe occupyers.

M^r hucheson
Thomas hucheson of crosgait
John Robinson
Willm hucheson
George Cragg
Nycholas hucheson seneor
× Edward hill
Raiphe Taylor
× Edward harle
Nycholas hucheson yong^r
Gregorie hucheson
Chrofer hucheson
× Thomas Snowball
Thomas Roddom
Heugh eayer
Thomas moore
George harryson
Thomas hucheson sonne of C. h.
John Robeson
Cuthbert cornforth
nycholas Comyn
Thomas hucheson which was prentice to M^r h
George Tayler
Anthony hucheson
Chrofer hudspeth
× John Burdus
John dicson
John pinckney
Cuthbert hucheson
willm Johnson
Rychard harryson
Chrofer symson
John thornton
Cuthbert Egleston
George patteson
Cuthbert hucheson prentice to G.
willm hucheson
willm Todd
John Preston
Robert Renolsonn
Thomas hutchesonn
× Cuthbert hutchesonn

fower men appoynted for the yere following 1622 for the vewe of everie man's nede of the said occupacion to know the nede of what barke they shall stand nede of for there occupie at the discrecion of these fower following with the two wardens.

Raiphe Tayler
Rychard Harryson
Cuthbert Cornforth
George Tayler

John Rycheson
Hewe hucheson
Thomas howe
Lyon Carnabie
John Hutcheson
Cuthbt dixon
michell wake
John Robinsonn
Myles Tailer
Hugh Hutchinson
Edward Rodham
Thomas Dobeson

Thomas dobeson showed his Indenture this daye being the xxix of June by which it did apeare he hathe s'vd his aprentiship and so is aproved a Freman.
Thomas Gybson agreed this xxth September in xxi year of his matie reign 1623.

A quarte meatinge agreed upon . . . .[1]
to be kept that is to say St . . . .
mathew daye before michelmas . . . .
after christmas and our ladie . . . .
it is consented and agreed on most part of the fellowship of us tanners and all (members) of the said fellowshipp to admit Thomas Gybson of hillton to be fre amonngst us parforming hereafter all such . . . orders as is conteyned in our rules this xxth day of September in the xxj year of the reigne of our present King of England anno domni 1623.

[Heugh] hutchinson and Gregorie Hutchinson for the Bark[2] in Bear pke lately in the possession of Heughe Hutcheson as dew to Nicholas Foster by patten and now as it is said is come to the hand of George Foster by a lawfull paten granted to him the said George by the dean and chapiter now so it is that bothe the above Heughe hutcheson and Gregorie according to Ancient orders made thereby to ende & determine such contraversy betwixt Brethren of this fellowshipp, it is ordered for the avoyding of suche questions by them two above named that Heugh Hutcheson for this yeare or his frend shall have and enjoye the said Barke and further if the said Hugh Hutcheson can before Midsmm next Compound and agre with George foster consider as at the rate this yeare he the said heughe or his assigne payith shall have the same, then the said Bark to be given the said Heughe Hutcheson absolutelie, but if it happen that the said Heughe do not Compound and agre then the said Barke to be and Remayn as dew unto the fellowshipp.

Christofer Hutchinsonn
Nycholas hutchinson
Robte Hudspeth

[1] Corner torn off the paper.
[2] The bark used for tanning at this time was almost entirely oak. The bark was harvested in April and May. Bearpark formerly the property of the priors of Durham was at this time in the possession of the Dean and Chapter who granted a patent apparently for collecting and taking possession of the bark.

Liber actor' coriarior' Incohat' infra Civitat' DUNELMENSS ANNO DNI 1623

A QUARTER meeting in S^{nt} Margreats Church the xxixth day of Decemb^{r} Anno dni 1623 as followeth.

Deliv'ed unto the Wardens choosen for this yeare 1623 Christofer Sympson for Gyligate Anthony Hutchinson for Framwellgaite deliv'ed by the hands of George Craggs & John Richedson the xxviiith of Octob^{r} 1623 the some of xxj*s.* x*d.*

A Jurye by the consent of all the occupacon the day and yeare first above written.

George Craggs	Richard Herrison
Raiphe Tayler	Robt Raynaldson
Willm Hutchinson Se	George Tayler
George Hutchinson	John Priston
John Robinson Ju	John Richardson
Willm Johnson	Willm Hutchinson Jn.

Disbursed by Christopher Symson unto Nicholas Hutchinson for serving of the sub pena against Thomas Gibson the xth of Oct 1623 the some of i*s.* vi*d.*

More disbursed by the said chrofer Symson in Richard herrison house the day and yeare above said the some of o x*d.*

Disbursed by Anthony Hutchinson the day and yeare above said for this booke the some of i*s.* iiij*d.*

Amercym^{ts}

Wee doe a Mercye Thomas Hutchinson for byinge of a bull hide contrarye to our form^{r} order to the some of i*s.* vi*d.*

Wee doe aMercye John Robinson the younger for unreverent speaches to Willia Hutchinson, to the some of o vi*d.*

Wee doe a Mercye Gregorye Hutchinson for byinge a hide cominge to the Mearkett and buyinge itt in the streat, to the some of o vj*d.*

Wee doe a Mercye Myles Taylor for openinge of his leather bagge Contrarye to a former order, to the some of o vj*d.*

Disbursed by the two Wardens of the trayde Chrofer Symson and Anthony Hutchinson the xxixth of Decemb^{r} Anno dni 1623 the some of v*s.* iiij*d.*

Receaved of Thomas Gibson xl*s.* the xxvth day of march 1624 for his

agreement: being the last parte of paymt of fower pounde whereof twentye shillings paid over to Mr Williā Hall maior for the use of the lord Bpp of this dioss the other xx*s*. paid unto Anthony Hutch: alderman of the fellowshipp the some of xl*s*.

A quarter Meeting in Boore[1] banke the xxix^th^ day of March Anno dni 1624.
Paid the day and yeare abovesaid to Nicholas Hutchinson the some of iiij*d*.

A quarter Meeting in S^nt^ Margreats Church the xxix^th^ of June Anno dni 1624.
Paid the day and yeare above said to Nicholas Hutchinson the some of o iiij*d*.

absent from our meeting as followeth
These in pticul^r^ was absent the day and yeare above said Raiphe Tayler, Myles Tayler—Williā Hutchinson Jun: Thomas Robinson Senr, Thomas dobinson jun^r^. Wee aMercye everie one of these above said for there neclect being lawfully Warned vj*d*. to the Lord of this dioss and vj*d*. to the fellowshipp of the traide amounting in all to the some of v*s*. o
Diliv'ed by Anthonye Hutchinson being Warden of our traide unto Richard Herrison the xiiij^th^ day of August Anno 1624 the some of v*s*. o

Aquart^r^ meeting in S^nt^ Margreats Church
the xxviij^th^ of September Anno dni 1624

A Jurye the day and yeare above said.

George Craggs	John dixson
William Hutchinson Sen.	John Robinson
Raiph Tayler	Thomas Hutchinson
William Johnson	Willia Hutchinson jun.
Nicholas Hutchinson	Cutht Hutchinson sen.
Gregorye Hutchinson	Cutht Hutchinson jun.
Robt Raynaldson	Myles Tayler

Wardens Chossen and appointed by a gen'all consent of the fellowshipp the xxviij^th^ of September An° 1624 Robt Ranaldson for Gilligate & John Dixon for Framwellgate for this yeare ensewing.

[1] Boore banke—Bower bank, just to the east of Pelaw Leazes.

AMercym^{ts} as followeth.

Wee doe aMercye Nicholas Richardson for his absence vj*d.* to the Lord of this dioss and vj*d.* to the traide to the some of xij*d.*

Wee doe a Mercye John Hutchinson for his absence vj*d.* to the Lord of this dioss and vj*d.* to the traid, to the some of xij*d.*

We doe a Mercye for the like absence Edward Roddham vj*d.* to the lord of this dioss and vj*d.* to the traide to the some of xij*d.*

We doe aMercye John Preston for bying of a hide unlawfully from Thomas Hutchinson Sen contrarye to our order. We aMercye the said Jo: Priston to the some of iij*s.* iiij*d.*

A meeting uppon the Sands the iij day of November Anno dni 1624

Wardens chossen and appointed by all the consents of the fellowshipp the day and yeare above said Richard Herrison and John dixon for this yeare ensuing.

Stewards chossen and elected by all the consents of the fellowshipp the day and yeare above said Cuthbert Hutchinson of Sydgate and Edward Roddham for this yeare ensewing.

John Johnson is agreed and maide free amongst the said fellowshipp and haith brought in his Indentures to be read, and approved verye lawfull the day and yeare abovesaid.

A meeting upon the Sands the 25° Martii Anno doi 1625.

For absence

We doe amercy Robert Rennoldson xij*d.*

Thomas dobbison jun for the like xij*d.*

Thomas Gibson for the like xij*d.*

Who are all amercied by generall consent.

Mdm the day and yeare abovesaid George Stobbs was by the consent of the whole Company admitted a freeman and hath paid for his agremt 18*d.*

A Quarter meetinge holden upon the Sands the xxixth day of June 1625.

A Jurie the day and yere abovesaid.

George Craggs	Nicholas Hutchinson
George Taylor	Gregory Hutchinsonne

Thomas Hutchinsonne iunior	Cuthbert dixon
John Richardson	Anthony hutchinsonne
Myles Taylor	Thom: dobbisonne senio[r]
Hugh Aire	Cuthbert Hutchinsonne Senior

Amerciments as followeth.

Wee do amercy John Robinsonne for his absence xij*d.*
Wee do amercy George Harrisonne for the like xij*d.*
Whereas there is a suite depending in the Towne Court holden of the Right Reverend father in God Richard Lord bpp of Durham betwixt the wardens of this company and Robert Reynalson. And whereas the said Robert is contented to referre himself to the traide wee doe order him to pay for the charges in the suite 15*d.* And to the wardens for the use of the trade ij*s.* i*d.*
We doe amercy Thomas Hutchinsonne for buying a hyde in the butchers shopp contrary to a former order we do amercy him xij*d.* to the Bp and xij*d.* to the traide ii*s.*

Nono die Augusti Anno 1625.

Mdm the day and yere abovesaid James Taylor Apprentice to Nicholas Hutchinsonne was by the consent of the whole Company admitted a free brother among the Company of Tanners and hath paid for his agrement xviij*d.*

A meeting in St Margarets Church
the 21° day Sept Anno 1625

Rec. the day and yere abovesaid of Anthony Hutchinson and Christ: Simpson the pre'dent wardens by me Richard harison in the presence of the most of the Company the summe of xxxij*s.* ij*d.*
Mdm this meeting was George Craggs the sonne of George Craggs by the consent of the fellowship made a free brother of the said Company of Tanners and hath paid for his agrement 18*d.*

St. Thomas. meeting. A head meeting upon the Sands the 29th day of December Ao dni 1625.

Wardens	*Stewards*
George Craggs	John Richardson
John Preston	George Craggs iunior

Rec. of Richard Harisonne and John dixon the pre'dent Wardens by us the said George Craggs sen & John Preston the somme of x*s.*

A side meeting the 10th day January 1625

A Jury the day and yere above said.

William hutchinson Sen.	Cuthbert Hutchinson also Jo: Cuth:
John Robinsone	Cuthbert Dixon
George harisone	Edward Rodham
Richard harisone	Hugh Hutchinsone
George Taylor	Myles Taylor
Thomas hutchinsone Sen.	
Anthony Hutchinson	

Whereas James Taylor a free brother of our Company hath transgressed diverse and sundrie of our orders And hath now putt himselfe in the courtisy of his brethren of the same Crafte Wee therefor doe amercy him to twenty shillings to the use of the Bpp of durham And Twenty shillings to the use of the said Crafte xl*s*.

Wee doe amercy Thomas huthchinson theldr for Tanning of a deker[1] of leather being the leather of John Adamson his Apprentice contrary to an order made by the said occapacon Twenty shillings to the said Bpp of Durham And twenty shillings to the use of the said crafte xl*s*.

A meetinge upon the Sands the seventh day of February 1625.

Wee doe amercy George Harisoune for his absence vj*d*. to the Bpp of durhā and vj*d*. to the use of the company xij*d*.

A meetinge upon the Sands the nyne and twentieth day of June 1626 beinge St Peter day.

A Jury the day and yere abovesaid.

William Hutchinson thelder	Anthony Hutchinson
Raiph Taylor	Thomas Hutchinson als Ren
John Robinson	Myles Taylor
Thomas Gibson	Cuthbert dixon
William Johnson	Hugh Aire
John Richardson	John dixon

Wee do amercy George Harrisonne for refusing to be of the Jury chosen for the good of the trade, the day & yeare above said wee doe amercy him vj*d*. to the Bpp and vj*d*. to the trade xij*d*.

[1] Dekker, deker or dicker of leather—a pack of ten hides.

George Harisons 2 amercients remaining unpaid Wee doe amercy Thomas dobbison the eld^r for buying a hyde from John Robinson contrary to our orders xx*d*. to the Bpp and xx*d*. to the use of the said trade iii*s*. iiij*d*.
Wee doe likewise so amercy The said Thomas dobbison for buying another hyde from the said John Robinson contrary to our orders xx*d*. to the Bp and xx*d*. to the use of the said trade iij*s*. iiij*d*.
We doe amercy Lyonell Carnaby for buying a little sturk skinne from Nicholas Richardson contrary to our orders iiij*d*. to the Bpp and iiij to the trade viij*d*. iiij*d*.
Paid to Mr George Walton Maior for the electing of Knights and Burgesess x*s*.
Paid to the Clarke for his whole years Wages iiij*s*.
Paid by consent to John Robinson the elde^r iiii*d*.

A meetinge upon the Sands the xxj^th day of September 1626.
Mdm that this meeting was Hugh Stott sonne of Thomas Stott and Apprentice to John Richardson, by the consent of the fellowshipp made a free brother of the company of Tanners and hath paid for his agremt xviij*d*.
Mdm that this meetinge was John Taylor Apprentice to his father Raiph Taylor, by the consent of the whole fellowship made a free brother of the Company of Tanners and hath paid for his agremt xviij*d*.
Mdm by generall consent wee amercy Thomas dobbison thelde^r for his absence att this meetinge vj*d*. to the Bpp of durha and vj*d*. to the use of the company xij*d*.
Receaved of Thomas Hutchinson and James Taylor amercied by a Jury the 16th day of January 1625 for transgressing diverse orders contrary to our crorporac̄on wherefor they were amercied to the Bpp and the trade iiij*li*. And mitigated now by generall consent to xx*s*. viz. x*s*. to the Bpp and x*s*. to th use of the trade, receaved x*s*.
Paid to the Clerke for Coppying of our Corporac̄on the day and yere abovesaid iij*s*. iiij*d*.

A head Meetinge in St Margarets Church the second day of January 1626 for the electing of new officers and perfecting other matters apperteyning the Trade

Wardens	*Stewards*
Raiph Taylor	Nicholas Richardson
Cuthbt Hutchenson	Thomas Dobbison senior

Receaved of George Craggs and John Preston the pre'dent wardens by us the said Raiph Taylor and Cuthbt Hutchenson the somme of ix*s*.

St Peter day. A meetinge upon the Sands the xxix[th] day of June 1627 being St Peters day.

A Jury the day and yere abovesaid.

Nicholas Hutchenson	John dixon
Anth: Hutchenson	Myles Taylor
George Harrison	Cuth: Hutchenson
George Craggs Sen.	James Taylor
Will: Johnson	Lyonell Carnaby
Thom: Hutchenson	Edward Rodham

Absence

Wee doe amercy John Robinsonne George Taylor Robt Harrisonne Christo Simpson Hugh Hutchenson iunior and Thomas Gibson and everie of them vj*d*. a peece to the Bp and vj*d*. to the trade v*s*.

Wee doe amercie Cuthbt dixon for buying a hyde contrary to our orders ij*s*. vj*d*.

St Mathew day. A meetinge upon the Sands the xxj[th] Septembris 1627.

A Jury the day and yeare abovesaid.

John Robinsonne	John Preston
Tho: Hutchensonne	Hugh Aire
Thom: Gibsonne	John Richardsonne
Thom: Hutchensonne	John Taylor
Willia Johnsonne	Myles Taylor
Anth: Hutchensonne	James Taylor

Wee doe amercy George Craggs theld[r] George Taylor Christopher Simpsonne George Harrison Nicholas Richardsonne John dixon for their absence. We amercy them vj*d*. a peece to the Bp and vj*d*. to the trade.

Wee doe amercy Cuthbt dixon for buying a hyde from Nich Hutchensonne contrary to our orders we amercy him xij*d*.

Receaved of Christopher Rodham Apprentice with William Johnson for his agrement xviij*d.*
Receaved of Robert Fenwick sonne of Willm Fenwick and Apprentice with Hugh Hutchenson theld[r] was admitted a full brother of the Company of Tanners And hath paid for his agrement xviij*d.*

At a gen'all meting holden in the countie hous viij[th] day of Januarie 1628.

Jo: Preston Jo: Richardson are likewise to be bound by this order. Whereas fyve of those p'ties named in the third article of the orders dated 17th April 1599 are dead It is this day assented and agreed unto that Rauffe Tayler Will[m] Johnson, John Robinson George Tayler and George harreson shall be in their place which together with George Craggs yet living shall doe and perfourme whatsoever in the said third Article is conteyned, and if any of these six persons doe dye then another to be elected and chosen in there place at the next meating after there death or upon any just cause of exception against any of the said six persons from tyme to tyme so named then another to be elected in there place.

John Robinson
George Tailler
Wardens.

A head meeting upon the Sands the 9th daie of Januarie 1627 for the electing of new officers and perfecting of other matters apptey-ing the trade.

Imprimis disbursed to Christopher Hudspeth for the feast x*s.*
Item to the waites v*s.*
Item paid for wine at the feast xvi*s.*
Item paid to the Clarke iiij*s.*
Item disbursed on the suite concerning Geo: Herrison xviij*d.*
Item to John Robinson ij*s.* vi*d.*
Item to John Robinsons drinke vij*d.*
Item pd to the seriant for arreasting Geo. Herrison vj*d.*
Item pd for the box mending ij*s.* vi*d.*

Receaved for amerciam[ts].
of John Robinson xij*d.* of Geo: Taylor xij*d.* of Rich. Herrison xij*d.* of Tho: Gibson ij*s.* Chrofer Simpson vi*d.* Cuth dixon ij*s.* vi*d.* Cuth dixon xij*d.* Geo: Craggs xij*d.* xij*d.* in tot x*s.* xj*d.*

A generall meating the first day of October 1628.
At which meeting by the generall consente of all the Companie and fellowship of the tanners of the Cittie of Durham doe freelie admitt and take into theire fellowship & brotherhood Mr John Richardson Esqr to be one of that companie to which we do subscribe our names.

Raphe Taylor
Cuth: Hutcheson
Wardens.

The same day Mr George Clarke is admitted into our fellowship by the comon consent of the companie and the said Mr Clarke doth faithfullie promise this daie that he will not at any tyme take any apprentice whereby the said trade and misterie of tanners may be preiudiced eithe^r^ by himselfe or any under color or pretence of his now admittance.

Geo: Clarke.[1]

Raphe Taylor: *ward.*

A meeting on the Sands the xxv^th^ of November.

Receaved of Mr Geo: Clarke for his agrem^t^	xviij*d.*
Rec of John sonne of Roger Liddell for his agrem^t^	xviij*d.*
Rec of Robt sonne of Raphe Maddison for his agrem^t^	xviij*d.*
Rec of Mr Richardson for his agreem^t^	xviij*d.*

A head meeting at Chrofer Hudspeths for the electing of new officers & perfecting of oth^r^ matters.

Miles Tayler
Cuth: dixon
Stewards.

Rec of Wm Heaviside apprentice to John Preston 24 November paid for his agreem^t^ xviij*d.*

A head meeting[2] upon the Sands the 29th day of december 1628 for electing & chosing of officers.

[1] In the course of years the gilds began to have less authority over their respective trades. They became little more than fraternities with an influence on local politics. From the seventeenth century onwards many of the local gentry and nobility became members, some by patrimony, some by election and some by serving as apprentices on very easy terms. It was made clear, as in the case of Mr. George Clark above, that they would not be *practising* members of the trade in question.

[2] A head meeting was one of the four fixed quarterly meetings. If an extra meeting had to be summoned for a special purpose it was called a side meeting.

Wardens	*Steward*
John Robinson	Cuth. dixon
George Tayler	

Receaved of Raphe Tayler and Cuthbt Hutcheson pre'dent wardens by us John Robinson & George Tayler the sume of iij*li.* j*s.* j*d.*
Remaining in the said Cutht Hutchesons hands xviij*d.*

A meeting upon the Sands the xxvth of March 1629.

Receaved of Thomas Read for his agreem^{t} xviij*d.*
Rec^{d} of John Compton for his agrem^{t} xviij*d.*
for absence at the said meeting
We doe amercie Thomas Gybson xij*d.*
James Tayler of the like xij*d.*
Robert Maddison for the like xij*d.*
Wm Heaviside for the like xij*d.*

St Peter's day A meeting upon the Sands the 29th daie of June 1629 being S. Peter's daie.

A Jurie chosen the daie and yeare abovesaid.

Chrofer Hutcheson	chrofer Simpson
George Harrison	Tho: Hutcheson also Rainoldson
John Richardson	James Tayler
Thomas Hutcheson	Cuth Hutcheson *als* darling
Anth: Hutcheson	Thomas dobison senior
John dixon	
George Cragg	

The Jurie doe this day finde upon Complainte that Raphe Tayler hath (Contrarie to an order made by generall consent for the comon good of the fellowship of tanners) forfeyted according to the said order and ought to paie his fyne as in the said order is menc̄oned, vizt for refuseing to furnish some of his brethren with barke according to there neede he haveing bought a bargaine of barke contrarie to the said order xl*s.* to the Bpp xl*s.* to the trade
We doe amercie Thomas Gybson for his absence vj*d.* to the trade & vj*d.* to the Bpp. Mr Geo: Clarke for his absence vj*d.* to the trade & vj*d.* to the Bpp. Robt Maddison for the like xij*d.* wm Heaviside for the like xij*d.* iiij*s.*
We do admercie John Adamson for buying Leth^{r} contrarie to our orders before he had served his Apprentship out xl*s.*

Tymothie Harrison Apprentice to Richard Harrison was by the consent of the whole companie admitted a fre brother amongst the companie of tanners and hath paid for his agreem^t^ xviij*d*.
John Adamson Apprintice to Tho Hutcheson was by the consent of the whole companie admitted a fre brother among the companie of tanners and paid his agreem^t^ xviij*d*.
The jurie do likewise finde upon complainte that Thomas dobison contrarie to an order made by generally consent for the comon good of the fellowship of tanners hath bought divers times barke contrarie to the said order wherefore the penaltie of the said order is laid upon him which is xl*s*. to the Bpp xl*s*. to the trade

St Matthew day. A meeting upon the Sands ye 21 of Sept. 1629 being St Matthews day.

A Jurie chosen the day & yeare abovesaid.

Nicholas Hutchinson	chrofer Simpson
John Richardson	Cuth: Hutcheson iunior
George Herrison	Lionell Carnabie
Cuthbt dixon	Tho: Read
Cuthbt Hutcheson senior	James Tayler
Thomas Hutheson	George Crags iunior

We doe amarcie Thomas Gybson for his absence xij*d*.
We laie a paine that noe man of our fellowshipp shall open his bagg to sell any Lether on the market daie before the corne bell ring, upon paine for everie tyme so offnding ij*s*.
We do amarcie Raphe Tayler for discovering some passages we had in our last quarter meeting and in a pticuler meeting since which gave occasion to Mr George Walton to give at both the said tymes harsh tearmes amongst the said fellowship in offending both the said tymes iiij*s*.
We laie a paine that no man of the occupacon shall at any tyme from henceforth goe to any butchers for to buy any butcher hides either Lying in the market or in the shopp, or any other place and only upon the skin hill,[1] upon paine for ev'rie such default vj*s*. viii*d*.

[1] The Skin Hill was an old inn at the foot of Crossgate and seems to have been a special trading place of the Durham butchers. Thus on October 14th, 1664, an order was issued by the Butchers' Company that for twenty days no skins were to be sold at the Skin Hill but only in the shops.

A quarter meeting in the Newhouse on the place greene the 30th of december 1629, as followeth.
Whereas Thomas Reade hath submitted himself for his offences in buying of skins at Sunderland by dekker toll out of open market whereby he hath broken diverse orders of the said trade it is thought fitt by his oune consent that He shall pay for his said offences x*s*. to the use of the said Trade & x*s*. to the Bpp of durhā to be paid within 20th daies next after this said meeting which was paid to the Wardens the 25 of March 1629 xx*s*.

A quarter meeting the xxvth daie of March 1630.
Wm Burden hath this day exhibited his Indentures to the trade by which it appeareth he hath served his full tyme and is admitted a freeman and hath paid for his admittance the sume of xviij*d*.
Richard Mathew apprentice to Michael Wake hath this day exhibited his indentures by which it appeareth he hath served his full tyme to the trade & is admitted a freman of the said trade and hath paid for his admittance xviij*d*.
Md that Wm Johnson hath brought in an Identure dated the xiijth of March 1629 wherein John Gowland stands bound to him to serve him as an apprentice for nine yeares fro' the second of March last past before the date of the said Indentures & hath paid the clarke for inrolling the same iiij*d*.
This daie were openlie red one bill exhibited in the Chancerie Courte at Durham by the wardens of this trade agt Raphe Tayler & Thomas Dobison for some forfeitures by them committed and another bill exhibited by the said Raphe Tayler & Tho. dobison at Yorke agt John Robinson & Geo: Tayler & others for a combinacon which suits being misliked by the most parte of the trade then assembled. It was therefore moved by Mr Richardson that the said Raphe Tayler & Tho: dobison shuld submitt them selves to the said Companie touching their said forfeitures & to prevent farther suits, but the said Raphe Tayler & Thomas dobison have willinglie submitted themselves thereunto, upon consideracon whereof the companie assembled have ordered that the said Raphe Tayler shall satisfie & paie to the wardens of the said trade for the penaltie & costs xxx*s*. and to the Bp of durham x*s*. and that Tho: dobison shall pay to the Bp & the trade x*s*. for his fine & for the costs v*s*. the said

sumes to be presently paid & all suits now depending to fall on both sides.

This day John Adamson appeared and submitted himselfe for the fine of 40*s*. formerlie imposed upon by the said trade whereupon it is ordered that he should paid xx*s*. in full satisfacion thereof which he paid to the wardens presently.

Thomas Gybson paid this day for the fines of all his former absences. ij*s*.

A quarter meeting upon the Sands 24th daie of June 1630 being St John Baptist day.

A Jurie the daie & yeare abovesaid.

George Craggs senior	John Richardson
Chrofer Hudspeth	Michal Richardson
Chrofer Simpson	James Tayler
John Preston	John dixon
Wm Hutcheson	Lionel Carnabie
Tho: Hutcheson als Rainoldson	Thomas Read

We do amercie Raphe Taylor for his absence nil

Item we do amercie Anth: Hutcheson for his absence nil

Item we amercie Wm Johnson for his absence nil

We amercie Thomas Gybson for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.

We amercie Robt Maddison for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.

We amercie Wm Heaviside for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.

We amercie John Compton for his absence nil

We amercie Rich: Mathew for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.

We do amercie Thomas Hutcheson vizt Edward Thomas for buying of a hide contrarie to our orders from Thomas dobison xij*d*.

This amercimt is void because his Ap hath not entred into Indentures.

We do amercie Hugh Stot for takinge a prentice contrarie to an order made that the clerke of the companie shall draw the Indentures & enroll them within a month next after xl*s*. 20*s*. Bp 20*s*. trade

Whereas George Herrison was by the two wardens chosen a Juror at this meeting the said George obstinatlie refused to be on the said Jurie where upon Wm Hutcheson was chousen in his roome & he amarcied for so refusing xij*d*.

Maii.

Md that Robert Haswell bound himselfe Apprentice with Thomas dobison for the tearme of Nine years whose Indentures beare date the xxviijth day of May 1630 and he to serve him from the feast of Easter passed before the said date during the said tearme & paies for his inrollinge iiij*d.*

A quarter meeting in the new house upon the place green the 29th of September being Michaelmas day 1630.

Chrofer Hutcheson for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Nicholas Comin for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Thomas Gybson for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*
John Johnson for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*
George Clarke for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Robt Maddison for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*

Wm Haviside is amercied for exercising the trade of tanning not being sworne in burrow[1] first contrary to our orders the sume of x*s.*

Richard Huntlie apprentise to Anthonie Hutcheson hath this daie exhibited his Indentures to the trade by which appeareth that he hath served his full tyme and is admitted a freeman of the said trade & hath paid for his admittance xviij*d.*

Wm Johnson and Edward Rodham chosen to be wardens for this ensuing yeare. Hugh stot and John Johnson chosen to be Stewards for this ensuing yeare.

Md that this daie Nicholas Hutcheson sonne to Nicholas Hutcheson deceased came before the said Corporacon and did desire to be admitted a freeman of the said trade for that he had served his said father some five yeares and he gave him by will his tan house & fatts & paid for his agreem^{t} and that the Statute was red to that purpose xviij*d.*

Md this daie is ordered by the consent of all the Companie that theire feast shalbe the 21th day of October next in that place where the wardens shall appoint.

[1] When an apprentice had served his time he became a journeyman, usually for twelve months. Before he became a member of the gild his name was called three times at the meetings of the company and no objection was alleged and then he took the "freeman's oath" before the Mayor of Durham. Amongst the Tanners, however, we find some who got their freedom as soon as their apprenticeship was out. Perhaps this apparent laxity may be due to the fact that apprenticeships lasted nine years, instead of seven as in the other gilds.

An Accompt made by John Robinson and George Tayler wardens for the yeares 1629 & 1630 as followeth.

Imprimis Rec of Raph Tayler & Cuthbt Hutchinson being former wardens the some of	iij*li*. j*s*. j*d*.
Rec more of Thomas Read for his agreem^{t}	xviij*d*.
Rec more of John Compton for the like	xviij*d*.
Rec of Tymothie harrison for the like	xviij*d*.
Rec of Willm Burden for the like	xviij*d*.
Rec of Richard Matthew for the like	xviij*d*.
Rec of John Adamson for the like	xviij*d*.
Rec of Thomas Gibson for all his absences	ij*s*.
Rec of John Adamson	x*s*.
Rec of George Harreson	ii*s*. iiij*d*.
Rec of Cuthbt hutchinson for Robt Fenwick agrem^{t}	xviij*d*.
Rec of Richard Matthew	xviij*d*.
Rec of Thomas hutchinson	xii*d*.
Rec of James Tayler	xij*d*.
Rec of Nicholas Hutchinson for his agreem^{t}	xviij*d*.
Rec of Richard huntley for the like	xviij*d*.
Suma	iiij*li* xij*s*. v*d*.

Whereof deducted being paid to the maior of durhā for the moitie of the forfitures viij*s*. ij*d*.

A note of disbursm^{t} by the said wardens as followeth.

Imprimis to hugh Ayre	v*s*.
Ite paid to Robt Maland or Clarke	iiij*s*.
Ite p^{d} to Willm Hilton	ij vj*d*.
Ite disbursed for gittinge notes from darnton Aukland wolsingham & Gateshead	ij*s*.
Ite for a subpena and servinge	iij*s*. viij*d*.
Ite for makeing & swearinge the affidavit	xij*d*.
Ite for the Counsellors	x*s*.
Ite for the Comission & other charges concerning the suite	xij*s*.
Ite to Tho: Richardson & his man	viij*s*. vi*d*.
Ite to James Chester	ij vi*d*.
Ite p^{d} for the clerk's drinke	iiij*d*.
Ite p^{d} more to James Chester	ii*s*. vj*d*.
Ite to our clarke for his wages	iiij*s*.

Ite paid for the clarkes drinkeing at our last meatinge vj*d.*
Smā disbursed ij*li.* xviij*s.* vi*d.*

xxjth of Octob^{r} 1630 att Thomas Thornabyes att the comon dinn^{r}.
Received of Raph Tayler xx*s.*
Rec of Thomas dobinson vj*s.* viij*d.*
Rec of Thomas Gibson v*s.*
Rec Robert Maddison v*s.* iiij*d.*
Smā vii*s.*
Whereof to the Maior of Durham for Robt Maddison's pte ii*s.* viij*d.*
And to him for the halfe of Thomas Gibson fine ij*s.* vj*d.*
And to Musitions vi*s.* viij*d.*
Given to M^{rs} phorabey for her pains in provision to the dinn^{r}
viij*s.* iiij*d.*
Given for wine att the dinn^{r} xvij*s.* x*d.*
Smā ij*li.* iij*s.*
All accounts deducted & allowed there Remaineth xix*s.* ix*d.*
Wherewith was paied to Willm Johnson one of the Stewards
xvij*s.* ix*d.*
Edward Simson the sonne of Christofer Simpson by c^{r}tificate was of thage of twentie on yeares thi tenth of August Last being admited this day as a freeman & paid for his [admittance xviij*d.*].

Md that the xxith day of October 1630 the Companie here assembled have chossen Willm Hutcheson to be Clarke to the said Companie and to attend all there said meatings & to write & enter all there said orders & proceedings for which he is to have yearlie the some of fower shillings to be quarterlie paid And also to drawe & ingrose all the Indentures for makeing of all Apprentices for which he is to have two shillings & for the inrowlling of them fower pence.

It is ordered that Raph Tayler & Thomas dobison shalbe summoned to the Borrowe Court upon Tuesday next to answere in two sev'all Causes for two sev'all fines form'lie imposed upon them, which somes being thirtye shillings for Raph Tayler & Tenn Shillings for Thomas dobinson are this day paied whereof the Companie did freelie release to Raph Tayler ten shillings & to Thomas Dobinson three shillings fower pence.

Robt Maddison being fined three sev'all times for his absences hath this day paid his said fines vij*s.* viij*d.*
whereof the Companie have Released him ij*s.* iiij*d.*
Thomas Gibson have paied for his two sev'all fines vj*s.* viij*d.*
whereof the Comp have Released him j*s.* viij*d.*
Willm heaviside did not appeare but he is to be summoned to the Borrowe Court for the paym^{t} thereof.
Christopher Hutchinson John Johnson & Nicholas Comyn are discharged for theire sev'all fines imposed upon them at Michaelmas last.
George Clarke did not appeare att the Comon dinn^{r}.
Thomas dobinson doth present George Harrison for selling of two wett hids & deliv'ing of them in the Bellasys.[1]
Paid to John Robinson by Willm Johnson which the said John Robinson did disburse whilest he was warden for the filling of the bill in the Chauncerie[2] iiij*d.*
And to John Robinson thelder paid for his Relise xij*d.*
And to Nicholas Porter the promot^{r} ij*s.* vj*d.*
And for the dinn^{s} of fower women at the feast ij*s.* viij*d.*
Paid by will^{m} Johnson warden.
Given to daniell Hudspeth by the consent of the Companie viij*d.*
More given by the Consent above said to John Robinson seni^{r} viij*d.*
Paid for the Clarkes dinner viij*d.*
Paid for wyne at the said time j*s.* vj*d.*

Januarie the fifte Anno dni 1630.
Md that upon the persuall of a former order it is thought fit that for soe much as the said daies are not quarterlie according to the course of time that therefor it be now ordered that there shalbe yearelie fower certaine meatinge daies for the said trade in the new house upon the pallace greene in Durham vizt the feast of thann'ciac̄on of the blessed virgin Marie the feast of St John Baptist

[1] Bellasis. The name applied to certain closes on the north side of the Wear—on one of them the University Observatory stands. The Grammar School lies on a part of the ground called Bellasis, and the house so called was taken in the nineteenth century for the use of the headmaster. The land took its name from German de Bellasis who held it in the thirteenth century. His daughters granted it to the Prior and Convent. [See Gee in V. H. Durh. IV. 145-158.]

[2] The Bishop of Durham had two Chancellors, a Temporal and a Spiritual. The former was at this time Richard Hutton; the Spiritual Chancellor was William Esdaile.

comonly called Midsom^{r} day the feast of St Michael tharchangel, the sixte day of Januarie, of which order notice is to be given to the men of this trade who dwell in the countie and not onelie they but all free men of the said trade dwellinge within the Cittie of durham & suburbs of the same shall observe the same daies upon paine that everie person absenting himselfe not haveing reasonable excuse allowed of at the meeting daies haveing warning given to the tradsmen of the towne onelie to forfeit for everie default iij*s*. iiij*d*. the one halfe to the Bpp & thoth^{r} halfe to the trade.

A Quarter meetinge in St Marg^{ts} Church in Durham the sixte day of Januarii Anno dni 1630.

for absence at the said meetinge.

ex. wee doe amercye willm heaviside	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	xx*d*.
ex. John Adamson for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	
ex. Thomas Gibson for the Like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	
John Robinson for the Like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	

Md the day & yeare above said Thomas the sonne of Thomas Moore deceased came before the said Corporacon & did desire to be admitted a freeman of the said trade for that he had served his father for the space of seaven yeares last past & that he gave him at his death his

Tannhouse & fatts & haith paid for his agreem^{t}	xviij*d*.
and to the Clarke for his entrie	iiij*d*.
Paid at the said meeting for the Clarke's drinke	viij*d*.
More at the said time to the Sagerston[1]	ij*d*.

A Quarter meetinge in the Gramm^{r} Scoole on the Pallace Greene in durham at the feast of thanunciacō of the blessed virgin Marye being the xxvth of March Anno dni. 1631.

John Robinson was oweing unto the Companie for the fines of Thomas Read ten shillings. And there was allowed him for expenses fower shillings sixpence the remainder beinge five shillings sixpence which is now paied by the said John Robinson to william Johnson & Edward Rodham being now wardens v*s*. vi*d*.

It appeareth that Mr Heighington did give unto the Companie vj*s*. out of which John Robinson spent two shillings soe their remaineth fower shillings to be paid to the traide iiij*s*. debt

[1] Sacristan or sexton.

It is this day agreed by the whole Companie that everie brother of the fellowshipp that doe trade shall pay by this agreem^{t} sixpence a peece to the Cowper towards his fine for agreem^{t} amongt the Companie of wrights upon which motion George harreson refuseth to pay whereupon by consent of the whole companie[1] xij*d*.

Upon this motion there was xx*s*. gathered & paid to the Cowper towards his agreem^{t} whereof has been collected &[2]

Md.

The day & yeare above written John Dixon Apprentice to John dixon was by the consent of the whole companie admitted a free brother amongst the company of Tanners and haith paid for his agreem^{t} xviij*d*. & for his entrie iiij*d*. xviij*d*.

Absences at the said meetinge.

Thomas Gibson for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	xx*d*.
John Adamson for the Like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	
Chrofer hutchinson for the Like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	
Willm heaviside for the Like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	

Given to John Harresons sonne for his attendance with the key of the Scoole doore o iiij*d*.

More at the same time for the Clarke's drinke o iiij*d*.

A Quarter meeting in the Newhouse upon the place greene the xxiiijth of June being St John Baptist comonlie called midsom^{r} day 1631.

Absences at the said meetinge.

Richard Harreson for his absence	i*s*. viij*d*.
Cutbt dixon for the Like	i*s*. viij*d*.
James Tayler for the Like	i*s*. viij*d*.
Tymothie harreson for the Like	i*s*. viij*d*.
Received of Thomas Gibson for his severall aMerciam^{ts}	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Given by consent of the whole companie to John Robinson at the said meetinge i*s*. o

More the boye for attendance wth the Key o iij*d*.

More at the same time for the Clarke's drinke o vi*d*.

A Quarter meeting in the Gramm^{r} Scoole the 29th of September being Michaelmas day 1631.

[1] and [2] Page shaved here.

A Jurie the day & yeare abovesaid.

John Richardson Esq	Anthonie hutchinson
Raph Tayler	John Richardson
George Craggs	John Priston
John Robinson sen.	Tymothie harreson
Thomas Gibson	Thomas hutchinson sen[r]
Christopher Simpson	& Willm Burdon
Thomas Read	

Wee do aMercie Edward Rodham being now warden for buying ten hides contrarie to our orders from Nicholas Richardson xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
qualified to v*s*.
Rec of this ij*s*.

Wee aMercie willm hutchinson for buying of barke from willm Johnson ij*s*.

Wee present John Robinson Jun[r] for being absent at our meeting & for seling of Bend leath[r][1] at Auckland the said day for which we am'cie him xii*d*.

Richard Harreson & Nicholas Richardson chosen to be wardens for the ensewing yeare.

Thomas Read & willm Burdon elected to be Stewards.

Given to James Chester at the said meeting by consent of the whole companie ij*s*. vi*d*.

More for the Clarke's drinke o iiij*d*.

And to the boye for the Key of the scoole doore o iiij

Given to John Robinson at the said meeting by consent of the whole companie i*s*.

More paied for the Clarke's drinke at the perfitting of our accounts ij*d*.

January v[th] 1631.

An Account made by William Johnson and Edward Rodham Wardens for the yeare 1631 for theire yeare ending at Michaelmas last.

Receipts

Received of John Robinson and George Tayler being presedent wardens the sum of xvij*s*. ix*d*.

[1] Bend leather is sole leather, cut from the butt or hinder portion of the hide. Nowadays the butt is cut down the backbone to form two bends.

Received of Thomas Moore for his agreement i*s*. vi*d*.
Received of John Robinson which he was owing to the trade v*s*. vi*d*.
Rec of John dixon jun^r^ for his agreem^t^ i*s*. vj*d*.
(26*s*. 3*d*.)

Absences

Received of Thomas Gibson for his sev'all absences iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Received of Richard Harreson for the like j*s*. viij*d*.
Rec. of Cuthbert Dixon for the like j*s*. viij*d*.
Rec of James Tayler for the like j*s*. viii*d*.
Rec of Tymothie Harreson for the like j*s*. viij*d*.
fines 10*s*. the one moitie being v*s*. to the maior.
Smā Rec. 31*s*. iiij*d*.

disbursm^ts^

Ite paid to the Sagerston for attending with the Key o ij*d*.
Ite paid for the Clarks drinke o viij*d*.
Ite to John Harresons sonne for key of the Scoole tower o iij*d*.
Ite more for the Clark's drinke o iiij*d*.
Ite given to John Robinson sen^r^ j*s*. o
Ite more for the Key of the Scoole o iii*d*.
Ite for the Clarks drinke vi*d*.
Ite given to James Chester ij*s*. vj*d*.
Ite more to the boy for the Key of the Scoole o iiij*d*.
Ite for the Clarks drinke o iiij*d*.
Ite given to daniell Hudspith o viij*d*.
Ite more to John Robinson senr. o viij*d*.
Ite paid for the Clarks dinn^r^ o viij*d*.
Ite more at the same time for wine j*s*. vj*d*.
Ite paid to the Clarke for his wages iiij*s*. ij*d*.
Ite more to John Robinson sen^r^ j*s*. o
Ite more given by consent to the Cowper iij*s*. o
Smā disb xviii*s*.

deduct xviij*s*. out of 31*s*:iij*d*.

There Remaineth to the now wardens Richard harreson & Nicholas Richardson the some of viij*s*. iij*d*.

A Quarter Meeting in the Countie house of durham upon the Pallace Greene being the fifte day of Januarie Anno dni 1631.
Md. that upon a form^r^ meeting by consent of the whole companie

it was agreed that sixpence should be gathered throughout the said companie to be given to the Cowper towards his agreem^t whereupon George Harreson wilfullie refused to pay. And by the said consent he was amercied xviij*d*. and a suite was comenced in the towne Courte against the said George for the same. Whereupon at this meeting he haith submitted himselfe to the said companie & haith paid xii*d*. whereupon was deliv'ed to Willą Johnson & Edward Rodham being presedent warden for Charges in the said suite vij*d*. for his fine to the now wardens v*d*.

A Meeting in the Countie house of Durham upon the Pallace Greene being the xxv^th of March Annoq dni 1632.

A Jurie the day & yeare above said.

William Johnson	John Richardson
Thomas hutchinson al Ren.	Cuthbert Hutchinson
Christipher Simpson	Tymothie Harreson
Thomas Hutchinson fil Cuth	Thomas dobinson
Anthony hutchinson	James Tayler
Thomas Gibson	Nicholas Hutchinson Ju^r

Wee lay a paine that no man of the said fellowshipp shall upon any Markett day within the bounders of the Towne or any other place of the said Markett, poule any hides of any horse barke, nor that any of the said fellowshipp shall step in one before another in any violent manner to handle any hide or hides to hinder any of the fellowshipp, but shall observe his turne as it shall fall, upon paine of ev'ie one so offending vj*s*. viij*d*.

Order for keeping course in buying.

Md

That Thomas Johnson apprentice to James Chester haith this day exhibited his Indentures to the traid by which it appeareth that he haith served his full time and is by the consent of the said fellowshipp admitted a free-man of the said trade and haith paid for his admittaunces xviij*d*. & for entrie iiij*d*. xviij*d*.

Md that Thomas Hutchinson apprentice to his late father williā Hutchinson haith this day exhibited his Indentures to the trade by which it appeareth that he haith served his full time & is by consent of the said fellowshipp admitted a free man of the said trade & haith paid for his admittance xviij*d*. & for his entrie iiij*d*. xviij*d*.

Absences at the said meetinge.

Robert Maddison for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Addamson for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Richard Matthew for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

A Quarter Meeting upon the Sands being the xxiijth of June 1632 att the feast of S^{t}: John Baptist comonlie called Midsomer day.

Att this meeting there was no matter of occasion.

A Quarter meeting in the Countie house upon the Pallace Greene being the 29th of September, Michaelmas day, Anno dni 1632.

Md that at this meeting John Robinson the younger presented his sonne william Robinson to the companie of the fellowshipp of Tannars by which it doth appeare that he is at full age being his fathers oldest sonne[1] whereupon he is admitted by the whole consent of the companie a freeman of the said trade and haith paid for his agreem^{t} xviij*d*. & for his entrance iiij*d*. xviij*d*.

Edward Rodham being form'lie amerced haith now paid for his said aMercmnt ij*s*.

A Jurie the day & yeare abovesaid.

George Craggs Sen.	John Tayler
Raph Tayler	Thomas Johnson
John Robinson	John Adamson
George Harreson	Richard Matthew
Thomas Gibson	Nicholas Hutchinson Jun.
John Priston	Tymothie Harreson

Absences at the said meetinge.

Thomas hutchinson als Renoldson	xii*d*.
John dixon	xij*d*.
Cuthbt dixon	nil
John Johnson	
Robt Maddison	xii*d*.

[1] Besides becoming a freeman by serving an apprenticeship it was possible to become a freeman by patrimony. The eldest son of a freeman might become a freeman of his father's Company, when he had attained the age of twenty-one years and had paid the necessary fees. In the case of the Mercers Company James I granted this privilege to *all* the sons of a freeman. The same claim was made for a time by the Drapers. There was some opposition to this in the seventeenth century and for a time the right of even the eldest son lapsed, but in the eighteenth century there was a movement to grant the right to all the sons of all the freemen, but nothing came of it. The incentive, of course, lay in the fact that a freeman had the parliamentary franchise.

Nicholas Comyn nil
James Chester nil
John Robinson vj*d.*
Richard Matthew xij*d.*

Januarie 5th 1632 — In accomte made by Richard Harreson and Nicholas Richardson, wardens for the yeare endinge att Michaelmas last. 1632

Received of william Johnson & Edward Rodham being presedent wardens the some of xiij*s.* iij*d*
Receed of Thomas Johnson for his agrement xviii*d*
Received of Thomas Hutchinson for his agreemt xviij*d*
Received of William Robinson for the like xviij*d.*
Received of william Walton for the like xviij*d.*

Smā Rec. 19*s.* 3*d*

Disbursmts.
Ite paid to Robt Harreson for the Key vj*d.*
Ite paid for the Clarkes drinke for the whole yeare att div'ses meetings i*s.* viij*d.*
Ite paid for a Leathr bagg for keeping the Booke box & other necessaries i*s.* ii*d.*
Ite paid to the Clarke for his wages iiij*s.*
Ite paid for paper o j*d.*

Smā disb vij*s.* v*d.*

deduct vij*s.*: v*d.*: out of 19*s.*: iij*d.* There remaineth to the Now wardens xj*s.*: x*d.*
and also for aMerciamts at the said meeting to the now wardens George Harreson & Cuthbt dixon ij*s.* iij*d.* to the traid & ij*s.* iij to the maior ij*s.*: iij*d.*

Smā total xiij*s.*: i*d.*

Wardens elected for this yeare George Harreson & Cuthbt dixon. Stewards Richard Huntley & Nicholas Hutchinson.

January 5th 1632 — A Quart: meetinge in the Countie house of Durham beinge the fifth day of Januarie Anno dni 1632.

George Harreson att this meetinge haith presented his sonne Thomas Harreson to the trade and is thereupon admitted a freeman by the whole companie of the fellowshipp & haith paid for his agreem^{t} xviij*d*.

And for his entrie iiij*d*.

March 25th 1633 A Quarter meeting in the Castle of durham being the Annuntiac̄on of our Ladie.

A motion for the continewance of an order made the 29th of december 1613 for restraneing the takeing of apprentices by them that are not able to worke them. It is consented by all the trade that it should be refered to Mr Justice Hutton[1] whether it be a Legall order to binde the trade or no.

June 24th 1633 A Quarter meetinge in the New house upon the Pallace Greene being St John Baptist comonlie called Midsom^{r} day.

Absences at the said meetinge.

George Craggs sen for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Raph Tayler for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Willm Johnson for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Nicholas Richardson for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
James Tayler for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.

October ixth 1633.

A Quart^{r} meetinge upon the Pallace Greene in the Countie house of durham the ixth of October.

An account made by George harreson and Cuthbt dixon for the yeare endinge att Michaelmas last.

Receipts.

Received of Richard Harreson and Nicholas Richardson being presedent wardens the some of xiij*s*. i*d*.

disbursed.

Ite paid for the Clarks drinke att three sev'all meetings i*s*. iiij*d*.

[1] Richard Hutton, of Jesus College, Cambridge and Gray's Inn, was owner of Goldsborough and other estates in Yorkshire and held many legal offices. He was knighted and made a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1617. He was Temporal Chancellor of Durham under Bishop Morton. He died in 1639.

Ite paid to the Clarke for his wages iiij*s*
There remaineth to the now wardens, Thomas dobeson & Thomas Read upon this account vij*s*. viij*d*.

Stewards
Tymothie Harreson &
Thomas Johnson

November 19th 1633 — A side meetinge in the Countie house upon the Pallace Greene beinge the xixth of Novembr Anno dni 1633.

Att this meetinge by the consent of the whole corporacon of Tannrs George Tayler is amercied thirtie Nyne shillings for buyinge of div'se hides att his owne house upon the markett day contrarie to a former order for which wee aMercie him the some above said xxxix*s*. 6 Ja: 1633 the said Georg tailer confesseth the offence for 9 hides sold to him therefore he must pay the said Amerciment.

Ite By the consent of the foresaid companie wee do aMercie George Craggs thelder for buyinge of hides forth of the markett contrarie to a former order for which wee aMercie him vi*s*. viij*d*. discharged

Ite by the said consent Tymothie Harreson is amercied vi*d*. for buying of a hide from Thomas dobison, beinge one of the wardens for this yeare vi*d*. Received the xxvth of March 1633

Absences at the said meetinge.

Wee aMercie George Tayler for his absence i*s*. discharged
George Craggs thelder for the Like i*s*. discharged
George Craggs the younger i*s*. discharged

12 January 1633 — At the meeting holden at Durhm in the County house the twelfth day of January 1633.

For that there is reasonable excuse they are excused for there absences.

william Johnson & Thomas Johnson doth affirme that Marmaducke—Mr George Collingwood's man did tell them that George Craggs thelder did buy a hide of him in Gillygate att one Corneforth dore And that this shall stay untill the next meetinge & in the meane tyme to be further exaied for that none came to informe of it he is discharged.

Absences at the said meetinge.

William Burdon for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*. Released all but ten
Richard Matthew for the like shillings paid ij*s*.
Robert Maddison for the like
Cuthbt Hutchinson for the like

Ite. it is thought fitt & soe ordered by full consent that George Clarke shall appeare at the next Quart^r meetinge or otherwise showe cause why he should not pay yearelie three shillings fower pence for his former absences.

March 25th 1643 A Quarter meeting in the Newhouse of Durham being the Ann'ciacon of our blessed[1] Lady.

Absences att the said meetinge.

Christopher Simpson for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Adamson for the like excused iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Att this meeting henry wilson haith exhibited an Indenture wherein he stood bound to Gregorie hutchinson by which it doth appeare that he haith served according to the said Indenture. Soe he is admitted a freeman amongst the whole companie of Tann^s and haith paid for his admittance i*s*. vi*d*.

At the said meeting it is consented & agreed upon that Mr George Clarke[2] shalbe freed for his Quarter meetings, onlie he shall appeare once in the year if that he haith warninge given for his appearance by the Stewards.

Att the said meeting Thomas Gibson haith exhibited an Indenture to the companie whereby it doth appeare that he haith served accordinge to the Lymitacon of the said Indenture. Whereby he is admitted a freeman of the said fellowshipp & haith paied for his admittance i*s*. vi*d*.

29th September 1634 The account of Thomas dobinson & Thomas Read being wardens for the yeare Anno 1633 for there yeare ending at Michaelmas in Anno 1634.

Receipts.

Rec. of George harreson & Cuthbt dixon being pre'dent wardens the some of vij*s*. viij*d*.

[1] The word "blessed" has been crossed out.

[2] See p. 116 where he is shown to have been admitted without apprenticeship as an honorary member.

Rec of George Tayler for his am'cent xix*s*. vj*d*.
Rec of Tymothie harreson for his am'cent iij*d*.
Rec of Richard Matthew for his am'cent i*s*. o
Rec of Henry wilson for his agreem^t^ i*s*. vj*d*.
Rec. of Tho: Lumley for his agreem^t^ i*s*. vj*d*.
Smā xxxj*s*. v*d*.

disbursm^ts^.

Ite. paied to Robert harreson for the Key ii*s*. o
Ite to Cuthbt Knags for the use of the traide i*s*. vj*d*.
Ite for comencinge a suite againste Geo: Tayler o vij*d*.
Ite. for the Clarks wages iiij*s*. iii*d*.
Ite given for Councell concerning the suite of Maist^r^ maior x*s*. o
Ite for paper o i*d*.
Smā xviij*s*. i*d*.

Which some of disbursm^ts^ being deducted forth of xxxj*s*. v*d*. there remaineth to the new wardens John Tayler & Richard Huntley the some of xj*s*. ix*d*.[1]

Stewards

Thomas Harreson &
William Walton

The day & yeare within written Mr John Richardson doth disallow of Ten Shillings given for Councell in the accompt above written.

A Quart^r^ meeting in the Countie house upon the Pallace Greene the 29th of Septemb^r^ being Michaelmas day. Anno dni 1634.

Absences at the said meeting.

Chrofer Simpson for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*. excused
paid. Robert Maddison for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Adamson for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
paid. Thomas Lumley for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*. pd
John Robinson sen for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*. excused
John Robinson jun for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*. excused

Wee doe aMercie John Robinson thelder & John Robinson younger for buying of Tanned leather & selling it againe contrarie to the Statute either of them i*s*. ij*s*. discharged

Ite att the said meeting it is consented & agreed by the consent of

[1] The balance seems wrong here.

the whole fellowshipp, that if itt happen att any time hereafter there shalbe any cause of complaint by any of the said Companie that they shall repaire to the wardens & there make knowen the cause of there complaint within three or four daies of our quart^r meeting as they shall fall out that there may a Jurie be appointed to inquire of the said offences.

January 5th 1634 A Quarter meetinge in the Countie house of Durham upon the Pallace Greene being the fift of January Anno dni 1634.

A jurie appointed att the said meetinge.

A Merciamts.

william Johnson	Edward Rodham
Richard harreson	Thomas Read
Cuthbt hutchinson	Hugh Stott
George Tayler	Cuthb^t dixon
George Craggs jun.	Robt Maddison
william Burdon	Thomas Johnson
Chrofer Simpson	

AMerciamts.

paid We doe aMercie Thomas Hutchinson thelder for buying a Quie hide[1] from Thomas dobinson contrarie to our orders for which wee aMercie him ix*d.* to the Bpp and ix*d.* for the use of the said traid i*s.* vj*d.*

Wee doe aMercie John Adamson for the like for buying of a hide from John Richardson contrarie to our orders for which we doe aMercie him i*s.* viij*d.* to the Bpp & i*s.* viij*d.* for the use of the traid iii*s.* iiij*d.*

Wee doe aMercie the said John Adamson for buyinge of a oxe hide from Thomas Johnson in Auckland markett contrarie to our said orders for which wee aMercie him as aforesaid iij*s.* iiij*d.*

Absences att the said meetinge.

Item wee doe aMercie George Craggs sen^r for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*

Itm Nicholas Richardson for the like iij*s.* iiij*d.*

paid. Itm Thomas Gibson for the like iij*s.* iiij*d.*

[1] Quie Hide—a northern dialect word, generally pronounced *Why* or *Whye* and in Cumberland formerly spelt *Whey*. The word is used for a female calf and so the leather from its hide.

ex. Itm John Liddell for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Itm John Adamson for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
paid. Itm Richard Matthew for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
ex. Itm Nicholas Hutchinson for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
paid. Itm Henry wilson for the like iij*s*. iij*d*.
Wee doe aMercie william walton & Thomas Harreson being Stewards elected for the use of the whole Companie for the neglect of there said office wee do amercie either of them vj*d*. to the Bpp & vj*d*. for the use of the said traid ij*s*.

March 25th 1635 A Quarter Meetinge in the Newhouse upon the Pallace Greene being the Annunciacõn of the blessed Virgin Marye being the 25th of March Anno dni 1635.

Absences att the said meetinge.
Wee doe aMercie John Adamson for his absence he was discharged for that his wife was sicke o iij*s*. iiij*d*.

June 24th 1635 The Quarter Meeting in the Newhouse upon the Pallace Greene being the 24th of June Comonlie called Midsomer day Anno dni 1635.

Absences at the said meetinge.
ex. Wee aMercie George Craggs sen for his absence o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
George Harrison for his absence o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Nicholas Richardson for the like o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
ex. Thomas dobinson senr for the like o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Adamson for the like o iij*s*. iiij*d*.

The accompt of John Tayler and Richard Huntley Wardens for the yeare ending att Michaelmas Anno dni 1635.

Receipts.
Received of Thomas dobinson and Thomas Read being precedent wardens the som of o vj*s*. ix*d*.
Received of Robert Maddison for his amerciamt o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Rec of Thomas Lumley for the like o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Rec of Thomas hutchinson thelder for his aMercant for buying a hide from Tho. dobinson o j*s*. vj*d*.
Rec of Thomas Gibson for his aM'ciamt o iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Rec of Richard Matthew for the like o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Rec of Henry Wilson for the like o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Rec of John Adamson for his severall A Merciaments o iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Whereof the one half of twentie one shillings & sixpence is to be paid to Mr Maior x*s*. ix*d*.

Smā Received 33*s* iij*d*.

disbursed as followeth.
disbursm^ts^.

Imprimis paid to Thomas dobison being a precedent warden concerning the Sesse to Mr Maior o xj 6*d*.
Paid more concerning Roger wouldhave o ij*s*. o
Paid more for a watch a Gillygate head for the use of the trade o o 6
Paid for the Clarke's drinke o o 4
Paid to the Clarke for his wages o 4 o
Paid to the Seirgiant for the arrest of George Harreson o o 7
Paid for a Pottell of beare att the perfectinge of our accomtes o o 4
Paid to Robert Harrison for Key o ij o
Paid to Mr Maior concerning am^r^ciam^ts^ o x*s*. ix*d*.
Which some of 32*s*. x*d*. being deducted out of 33*s*. iij*d*. there remaineth the some of v*d*.

Smā disbursed 32*s*. x*d*.

St Michael the Archangell Anno dni 1635 — A Quarter Meeting in the Countie house of durham upon the Pallace Green the xxviij^th^ of September being St Michaelmas the Archangel Anno dni 1635.

Which some of disbursm^ts^ being deducted out of 33*s*. iij*d*. theire Remaineth to the now wardens John Richardson and Thomas Gibson the sum of v*d*.

Stewards
John Robinson &
Edward Simpson

January Anno dni 1635 — A Quarter Meeting in the Countie House of durham upon the Pallace Greene being the fift of Januarie Anno dni 1635.

A Quarter meeting in the Countie house of durham upon the

Pallace Greene being the 25th of March comonlie called the annuntiacon of our Ladie Marie Anno dni 1636.

Absences att the said meeting.

ex. John Adamson for his absence att the said meeting iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Ite it is agreed by the consent of the whole companie of Tanners & freemen of this Corporacon within the Cittie & Countie of durhā that a suite should be commenced & a bill prefered in the Channcerie of durhā against Hugh Stott for workeing of two apprentices besides his oune contrarie to a former order maide.

Ite it is alsoe consented & agreed by the whole companie aforesaid that a Sesment of sixpence shalbe collected upon everie person being a freeman of the corporacon of Tanners for the mentaining of suites to be by them prefered against those that have offended contrarie to diverse orders heretofore maide by the consent of the said fellowshipp and if there be any of the said Companie shall refuse to pay and doe not pay the same before Monday next that they & everie one of them for refusing shall forfite everie one of them ij*s*. a peece.

May 23th 1636 — A side meeting in the Countie house of durham the 23th of May. Anno dni 1636.

Absences att the said meeting.

George Tayler for his absence xij*d*.

Md that whereas the differences between the Corporacon of Tanners and Hugh Stott was referred to the Ld Bpp of this dioss And was by his direccons returned to the foresaid companie to be by them ordered to which the said Hugh Stott haithe submitted himselfe whereupon by the consent of the Maior parte of the said Companie have imposed a fine of twentie nobles upon him for the breatch of an order. And for coste therein Twenty one shillings fower pence which costs are to be paid upon Whitsun Eave next And the one half of the fine to be paid att midsomer next after. And the other half att Michaelmas then next following. And that the indentures of Tobie Bayles shall remaine in the Custodie of the now wardens for the time being untill further direccons therein

fine vj*li*. vj*s*. & iii*d*. & for costes xxj iiij*d*.

[1]George Tayler for his absence from the meeting xij*d*.

[1] This is crossed off.

Md att this meeting John the sonne of George Cragge haith exhibited an Indenture to the Companie of Tanners by which it doth appeare that he haith served his said Father for the tearme of Nyne yeares whereby he is admitted a freeman amongst the said Companie & haith paid for his agreemt xviij*d.*
And to the Clarke for his entrie vj*d.*
Ite it is consented and agreed by the said companie that Robt Maddison shall have notice given him by the wardens, betwixt & the next Quarter meeting, concerning the working of Chrofer Rodham's apprentice contrarie to an order and if he be willing to submitt himselfe to the said Companie and abide their order then that matter shall surcease otherwise a subpena to be served upon him & that he shalbe proceeded against according as the Law shall require.

A Quarter meeting in the Grammer Scole upon the Pallace Greene being the 24th of June Comonlie called midsomer day Anno dni 1636.
Absences att the said meetinge.
ex. Richard Matthew for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Ite att this meeting Robt Maddison doth refuse to Submitt himselfe to this companie therefore by the most parte of the fellowshipp it is consented that a subpena shalbe brought against him & a suite comenced in the Channcerye for offending in working Christopher Rodham apprentice contrarie to an Order maide.
Ite itt is alsoe agreed & consented by the said Companie that Hugh Stott shall deliver in the other Indenture of Tobye Bayles which is in his custodie to the Now wardens betwixt & the next meeting to be by them or these succeding wardens kept, till further direccons be therein.

September 29th Anno dni 1636 — The account of John Richardson and Thomas Gibson, wardens for the year ending att St Michael the Archangell. Anno dni 1636.

Receipts.
Received of John Tayler & Richard Huntley being precedent wardens the some of 0 0 v*d.*
Recd of John Cragge for his agreemt 0 1 6
Recd of Hugh Stott for costs 1 1 4
Rec upon asesst of our companie toward the mentinance of necessarie suites the some of 0 16 6

Rec. of Hugh Stott in parte of payment of a fine imposed against him the some of	3	6	8
Rec of George Tayler for his am'cm^{t}	0	0	6
disbursmts.			
Imprimis paid in the suite against Hugh Stott for a subpena & seale	0	2	6
Ite paid to Mr Richardson for drawing the bill	0	5	0
Ite paid for putting in the Bill & other charges	0	1	10
Ite paid to Mr Richardson Clarke	0	3	0
Ite paid to an attorney for his fee	0	2	0
Ite paid to Mr Richardson for his Councell	0	5	0
Ite paid for a Coppie of Stotte bill	0	3	0
Ite. for our charges to Auckland	0	7	6
Charges in the Toulebouth.			
Ite paid for areast against Hugh Stott	0	0	2
Ite for entring the plee	0	0	6
Ite to Mr Thomas Richardson	0	0	2
Ite paid for Act & Seale vs Stott	0	0	10
Ite paid for the Sheriffe Warr	0	2	6
Ite the baliffes fee	0	2	0
Ite the Att Fee	0	2	0
Charges vs maddison.			
Ite paid for a Sub pena & seale	0	2	6
Ite paid for the serveinge	0	2	0
Ite paid for Att fee	0	2	0
Ite paid for our Clark's wages	0	6	0
Ite more paid for his drinkinge for the whole yeare	0	1	2
Ite paid att the drawing of this accomte	0	0	4
Ite paid to Robt Harrison for the Key	0	2	0

29th September 1636.

A Quarter meeting in the New house upon the Pallace Greene the 29th of September being St Michaell tharkangell.
Wardens elected att this meetinge.

	Stewards
Edward Rodham	James Tayler
Willm Hutchinson	John Craggs

Md att this meetinge Hugh Ayre presented his sonne John Ayre to

the companie & fraternitie of Tanners & barkers within this Cittie: by which it doth appeare that his said sonne is att full age whereby with the full consent of the said fellowship he is admitted a freeman of the said companie and haith paid for his agreem^t^ xviij*d.*
And to the clarke for his entrie vj*d.*

A Quarter meetinge in the Countie house upon the Pallace Greene beinge the fifte of January Anno dni 1636.

Absences att the said meetinge.

Christopher Simpson for his absence iij*s.* iiij*d.*
John Tayler for the like iii*s.* iiij*d.*
John Adamson for the like iij*s.* iiij*d.*
Edward Simpson for the like iij*s.* iiij*d.*

Md att this meeting willm Johnson presented his sonne willm Johnson to the companie and fraternitie of Tanners & barkers within this Cittie by which it doth appeare that his said sonne is att full age Soe with the full consent of the said fellowshipp he is admitted a freeman of the said companie & haith paid for his admittance the some of xviij*d.*
And to the clarke for his entrie vi*d.*

Md that Thomas the sonne of Thomas Gibson is admitted a freeman of the said companie and fraternitie and haith paid for his agreement xviii*d.*
And to the Clarke for his entrie vi*d.*

Md att the said meetinge Robt Maddison haith submitted himselfe to the companie and fraternitie of Tanners & barkers within this Cittie for britch of an order comitted by him against the said companie in working another mans apprentice for which offence the Companie now assembled have imposed a fine upon him of xiij*s.* iiij*d.* and for charges of a suite x*s.* being in all xxiij*s.* iiij*d.*
And itt is alsoe agreed by generall consent of the wardens & the Companie here assembled that the said Robert Maddison may worke the said apprentice without impeachment of the said fellowshipp dureing the tearme of his yeares yett in being & unexpired.

A Quarter meetinge in the Countye house upon the Pallace Greene being the Anuntiac̄on of our Ladie the 25th March 1637.

absences att the said meetinge.

John Adamson for his absence 0 3 4

Att this meetinge it is fullie consented & agreed upon amongst the fraternitie and fellowshipp of Barkers and Tanners, being freemen within this Cittie, that A Generall Sesse shall furthwith be Laide upon everie of the foresaid Freemen for and concerneinge the mentinance & Charges of a suite now dependinge in this Channcerye Court As alsoe for and concerneinge other suites & varyances now in question and to be questioned for the good of the said Companie.

	George Harreson	iiij*s*.	John Tayler	x*s*.
	Tho the sonne of Cuthbt hutchinson	ij*s*.	Mr John Richardson Robert Maddison	vi*s*.
	Tho: Hutchinson al Renalson	ij*s*. iiij*d*.	Thomas Read	x*s*.
			Tymo: Harreson	ij*s*.
Rec 5*s*.	Geo Tayler	viij*s*.	John Adamson	ij*s*. iiij*d*.
	Cuth Hutchinson	ij*s*. vi*d*.	Rich: Matthew	iij*s*.
	willm Johnson	xv*s*.	willm Burdon	iiij*s*.
	Rich Harreson	vij*s*.	Rich: Huntley	vij*s*.
	Christo Simpson	ij*s*. vj*d*.	Nicho Hutchinson	ij*s*.
Rec 1*s*. 6*d*.	Jo: Priston	iij*s*.	Edw: Simpson	ij*s*.
	Lyonell Carnaby	1*s*.	Thomas Johnson	x*s*.
	John Richardson	x*s*.	Tho Lumley	vj*s*.
	Tho: Robinson	viij*s*.	John Craggs	j*s*.
Rec 6*s*.	Tho: Gibson	x*s*.	willm Johnson	ij*s*.
	James Tayler	vj*d*.	Tho. Gibson	ij*s*.
	Hugh Stott	v*s*.		
	12 6			

Ite att the said meetinge the Companie is content to abate Hugh Stoot twentie six shillinge Eight pence forth of the five marke that he stands bound to pay unto the said Companye (with this proviso) If that mr maior be content—if not the said Hugh is to satisfie him what he will have more xl*s*.

Smā Rec.

Ite att the said meetinge by full consent itt is agreed that John Tayler shall pay unto the now wardens for the silver boule which is in his custodie thirty five shilling 35*s*. Rec. 30*s*.

A Quarter meeting in the Countie house upon the Pallace Greene being the 24th of June Comonly called midsomer day 1637.

absences att the said meetinge.

Christopher Simpson for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Lyonell Carnabye for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Edw Simpson for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Thos Gibson for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

A side meeting in the New house upon the Pallace Greene being the 25th day of July 1637.

Att this meetinge itt is agreed by full consent of the fraternitye of Barkers & Tanners, here assembled that a Sesse shall furthwith be Layed & levied of everie freeman within the said Cittie of durham for the tryell of a suite dependinge to be heard against Rich: read of Darlington before the judges of assise att Lamas next ensewing.

Rec. Tho: Gibson	x*s*.	Christo: Simpson	
Tho Gibson ju	iij*s*. iiij*d*.	John Priston	i*s*. vi*d*.
Tho: Lumley	viii*s*.	Jo: Richardson	vi*s*. viij*d*.
Robt Maddison	viij*s*.	Tho: dobinson sen.	iiij*s*.
Rich. Matthew	ij*s*.	Hugh Stott	iiij*s*.
Jo: Adamson	v*s*.	Jo: Tayler	viij*s*.
Geo Harreson	iij*s*.	Mr Jo: Richardson	
Tho: fil Cuthbt Hutchinson	ii*s*. vj*d*.	Tho: Read	vi*s*.
		Tymo: Harreson	vi*d*.
Tho: Hutchinson als Renalson	ij*s*.	Wm Burdon	iij*s*.
		Rich Huntley	vi*s*. Rec. v*s*.
Geo: Tayler	v*s*.	Nich Hutchinson	i*s*.
Cuthbt Hutchinson sen.	j*s*.	Edw: Simpson	i*s*.
Wm Johnson sen.	viii*s*.	Tho: Johnson	vj*s*.
Rich Harreson	iii*s*. iiij*d*.	Wm Johnson ju.	ij*s*.

Att this meetinge it is by full consent of the companie here assembled that Hugh Stott may take and sett to worke the apprentice of willm Hutchinson without impeachment of anie of the said companie.

A Quarter meetinge in the Countie house of durham the 29 of September being St Michaell tharkangell. Anno dni 1637.

Absences att the said meetinge.

Christopher Simpson for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Hugh Stott for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

John Adamson for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Edward Simpson for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Md: att the said meetinge itt is fullie consented and agreed amongst the fraternitie of Barkers & Tanners within this Cittie that Matthew Burdon may lawfullie exercise & use the traid of a Tanner in this Countie without molestacon or Trouble of any of the foresaid freemen.

Att the said meeting itt is consented that Edward Rodham & William Hutchinson being wardens for this yeare shall continue in the place of wardens for the next yeare ensewing.

Wee doe by like consent appoint to be Stewards for the said yeare. Geo: Tayler & Willm Johnson ju.

A Quarter meeting in the Countie house of Durham being the fift of Januarii Anno dni 1637.

Absences att the said meetinge.
Rec iiij. Thomas Gibson sen. for all his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: Lumley for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Robt Maddison for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho Gibson ju. for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
The Companie of Tanners & freemen att this meetinge assembled doe thinke itt fittinge that those persons here under named should be amercyed severallie for Contemptiouslie departinge from the said company contrarie to the orders of theire corporacon when there was other matters for the good of the said Company to be treated upon.
william Johnson iij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Richardson iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Geo: Harreson iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Md. att the said Meeting Thomas Hutchinson presented his sonne Willm Hutchinson to the Companie & fraternitie of Tanners & barkers within this Cittie, by which it doth appeare that his said sonne is att full age Soe with the full consent of the said Companie & fellowshipp he is admitted a freeman amongst the said fraternitie & haith paied for his admittance the some of 1*s*. 6*d*.
And to the Clarke for his entrie 6*d*.

A Quarter meeting in the Countie house of Durham being the 26th of March Anno dni 1638.

Absences att the said meetinge.

George Harreson for his absence	0 3 4
Nicholas Richardson for the like	0 3 4
Tymothie Harreson the like	0 3 4
Rich Matthew the like	0 3 4

Md att the said meetinge there was an order questioned among the said companie concerninge the workeinge of apprentices according to a former order. And by consent of the maior voice then present itt was agreed that the said order should be continewed. And a suite to be comenced against willm Johnson the elder for offendinge against the said order. And the rest of the Companie & fraternitie of Tanners & barkers to contribute towards the Charge of the said suite.

Md. that Thomas Hutchinson att this meetinge haith presented to the Companie of Tanners Thomas Grinwell being his apprentice And appearinge to the said Companie that he haith lawfullie served his apprentteshipp whereby the said Companie haith admitted him to be a freeman & haith pd for his addmittance 0 1 6

And to the Clarke for his entrie 0 0 6

Md that Gregorie Hutchinson being the eldest sonne of his father Anthony Hutchinson deceased presented him selfe to the said Companie & haith shewed a note from the Register by which itt doth appeare he is att full age So the said companie by consent doth admitt him a freeman within theire companie and haith paid for his admittance 0 1 6

And to the Clarke for his entrie 0 0 6

A Quarter meeting in the Countie house upon the pallace Greene being the viijth day of February. Anno dni 1638.

Pd.

Md. att the said meeting it is consented and agreed that Tho Read should be mercyed for giveing Geo: Tayler the Lye for which offence he was amercyed 0 0 6

Rec. *vs.*

Md att the said meeting there was complainte made against George Tayler for buying three hids at Gillegate head contrarie to our orders for which offence he haith submitted him selfe to the Companie and is to pay for the same 0 10 0

Rec v*s*.

The like complainte made by Geo: Harreson against Tho. Johnson for two hids for which he haith submitted himself to the companye and is to paye 0 6 8

Cese Rodham. Rec v*s*.

The like complaint made by John Richardson against will^{m} Johnson ju. for buying one hide contrarie to our orders for which he is amercied 0 6 8

The like complaint made by the said John Richardson ag^{t} the said Wm Johnson for two hids for which he is amercyed for the same xiij*s*. 4*d*.

The like complainte made by William Johnson ju. against John Richardson for two hids bought by him contrarye to our orders for which he is amercyed 0 13 4

Cese Burdon

Md. it is consented & agreed amongst the fraternitie of Barkers and Tanners within this Countie that a suite shalbe comenced against John Richardson and William Johnson ju for buying of severall hides contrarie to our orders.

A side meeting in the Countye house upon the Pallace Greene being the xvth day of July. Anno dni 1639.

A complaint made by willm Johnson ju against John Richardson for buying of a hide of Rich: Foster in his shope contrarye to our orders for which he is amercyed 0 6 8

A comp^{lt} made by willm Johnson sen against Thomas dobbeson for buying of a hide of Edward Hunter out of open Markett Contrarye to our orders for which he is am' 0 6 8

Att the saide meeting itt is thought fitt and soe ordered that none of the trade of Tanners shall repaire to any butcher shopps to buy hides att any tyme, but shall buy the same in open Markett upon the skine hill nor shall buy any hides upon the weeke day upon the Butchers or buy of the butchers by any privatt contract upon paine of everye such default 0 6 8. order for buying hydes

A Side meeting in the Countye house upon the Pallace Greene being the 22th of July 1639.

Itt is thought fitt and soe ordered by consent of the whole companye

that noe of the said trade of Tanners shall repaire to Sunderland to buy any hides of the butchers their in the weeke day nor shall by any private Contract buy the same but upon the Markett day according to the Statute upon paine of every such default

0 6 8 order for buying hydes at Sunderland

A Side meeting in the Countie house upon the Pallace Greene being the 14th day of August 1639.

Md itt is consented and agreed upon amongst the fraternitye of Barkers and Tanners within this Cittie and Countie that the occation of this meetinge concerninge the benevolence towards his Mate Intertainemt is referred untill friday next: And what then shalbe impossed upon the said Companie to be paid shall be reserved to those men hereafter nominated for to lay a sesse upon everye freeman within this Corporacon to be assessed severally for and toward the payment of such somes of Money as shall fall due by us to be paied: which foresaid Sesse is to be laid by the wardens for the tyme being—John Richardson Richard Huntley and Nicholas Hutchinson.[1]

A quarter Meeting in the vestre of Sat Marg: upon the 25 of March 1640.

A quarter meeting in the vestrie of St Margaret upon the 5th day of January 1641.

Absent.

Thomas Lumley
Richard Mathew

A side meetinge in the vestre of St Margaret upon the 2 day of March 1641.

Absent.

John Richardson
John Liddle
Thomas Reade
Thomas Johnson

A quarter meetinge in the vestre of St Margarets upon the 25 of March 1642.

[1] The King did not reach Durham at this time. He got no further than York, which he reached on August 23rd. On the 28th his troops suffered the rout of Newburn.

It is condiscended and agreed upon by the most part of the fraternitie of Barkers and Tanners within this Cittie of Durham and County att the meetinge above specified that furthwith and out of hand Thomas Gibson and Thomas Reade for denyinge the fraternitie part of a bargain of barke which the said Thomas Gibson and Thomas Reade hath bought contrary to our orders:

It is condiscended and agreed upon by the most part of the fraternitie of Barkers and Tanners within this Cittie and Countie of Durham att the meetinge above specified that Thomas Gibson shall be furthwith sued for unlawfully biddinge for barke over his brother's heade being pilled by George Taylor and Robert Hirdman agreed with[1]

decimo nono die Julii Ano dni: 1642.

Memorand' That John Kirkehouse apprentice to Thomas Johnson hath this day exhibited his Indentures to the trade. By which it appeareth that he hath served his full tyme, and is by the Consent of the said fellowshipp admitted a freeman of the said trade & hath payd for his admittance xviii*d*. And for entrie vj*d*. xviij*d*.

Vicesimo sexto die Julii Ao dni 1642 suprad^{co}.

Md That henry Clemett apprentice to Nicholas Richardson hath this day exhibitted his Indentures to the trade By which it appeareth that he hath served his full tyme and is by the Consent of the said fellowshipp admitted a freeman of the said trade & hath payd for his admittance xviij*d*. and for entrie vj*d*. xviij*d*.

A Quarter Meetinge in the Vestrie of St Margaretts in durham the xxix day of September 1642.

Absences att this meeting Amercyed.

rec. 12*d*. Thomas Gibson seno^{r} for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Thomas Gibson jun^{r} for the lyke	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Thomas Lumley for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Richart Matthew for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Mathew Burdon for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Kirkehouse for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
George Taylor for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

[1] Page cut away.

Raph White for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
William hutchinson for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Wee doe Amercy Thomas harrison for buyinge of hydes from Heugh Stott contrary to the Orders of the Company & fraternitie of Barkers & Tanners within the Citty of Durham the Some of vj*d*.
Memorand' That att the said meetinge there are chosen for Wardens of the said fellowship.

Wardens	*Stewards*
Nicholas hutchinson	John Johnson
William Burdon	Robert Gowland

A Quarter Meetinge holden in the vestrie of St Margaretts in durham the 25 of March 1643.

Absences att this meetinge and Amercyed.
George Taylor seno^r^ for his absence iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Thomas Gibson junior for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*. pd to Cuth hutchinson
Richard Mathewe for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Thomas Lumley for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Mathewe Burdon for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: harreson departinge from the companie vj*d*.
Memorand. That this day William Rokesby apprentice with Thomas Gibson the elder, was by the consent of the whole companie upon shewe of his Indentures then & form'lie presented was admitted a free man & brother of the said fellowshipp and Companie of Tanners & hath payd for his agrem^t^: xviij*d*.

A Quarter meetinge holden in the vestrie in St Margrett in Durham the xxix of September Ao dni 1643.
Whereas George Taylore did hearetofore buy barke over Thomas Gibson's head which was custome barke, the said George Taylor by force of an order hearetofore made for that purpose upon his submission to the Company is fyned to the value of xx*s*.
M'morand. That Geo: Taylor made Complaint this day that Tho: Johnson did buy Custome barke over his head. unto which Complaint he is to make answer next meetinge.

Wardens.
Cuthbert Hutchinson and Nicholas Hutchinson are chosen & elected wardens for the said Companie.

Stewards.
Raph White
John Kirkhouse

A Quarter meetinge in the vestrie of St Margaretts in Durham the fift day of January 1643.

Absences att this meetinge.

George Taylor for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Thomas Gibson June[r] for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Mathewe Burdon for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Memorand. That this day John Dobbeson apprentice unto Nicholas Comyn was by the consent of the whole company upon vewe of his Indentures then & form'lie presented was admitted a free man and brother of the said fellowshipp and Companie of Tanners, and hath payd for his agreemt xviij*d*.

Rec for Tho: Gibson seno[r] absence 12*d*.

The first day of Aprill 1644.

Memorand' that this day Thomas dobbeson Junio[r], sonne of Rich: dobbeson of Foresheele in Com' Cumbr beinge apprentice to Tho. Dobbeson thelder as appeares by showe of his Indentures now presented & havinge served his whole time of nyne yeares, the said Tho: dobbeson Junior is made a freeman & brother of the said fellowshipp & companie & hath payd for his agreem[t] xviij*d*.

A Quarter meetinge holden in the vestrie of St Margaretts in durham the xxiij[th] day of June 1644.

Memorand. That this day John Hall sonne of William Hall of Shawdforth beinge apprentice to Thomas Reede as appeares by showe of his Indentures nowe presented, and havinge served his whole tyme of Nine yeares which Indentures bore date the vj[th] of August Ao dni 1635 whereupon the said John Hall is made a freeman of the said Companie and hath payd for his Agrem[t] xviij*d*.

Memorand'. That Toby Bayles apprentice to William Hutchinson deceased by the consent of the whole Companie, upon vewe of his Indentures beareing date the xvj[th] of Novemb[r] Ao dni 1635, and beinge now & form'lie presented is by the whole companie & fellowshipp admitted & made a freeman and hath paid for his Admittance & agreem[t] xviij*d*.

A Quarter meetinge holden in the vestrie of St Margaretts in Durham the xxx[th] day of September 1644.

Absences att this meetinge.

John Richardson	vi*d*. referred
Tho: Gibson senior	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: Gibson junior	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Richard Mathew	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: Lumley	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Matthew Burdon	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Kirkehouse	xviij*d*. referred

Rec for will Rokesbie his absence xij*d*.

Wardens of the said companye chosen for this next ensewinge yeare.

Wardens	*Stewards*
Tho: Johnson	John dobbeson
John Gouland	Thomas dobbeson

A Quarter meetinge held in the vestrie in S[t] Margaretts in Durham the 5th day of January 1644.

Absences at this meetinge.

Richard Harreson for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho Gibson Senior	iij s. iiij*d*.
Tho: Gibson Junior	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Richard Mathewe	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho. Lumley	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Mathewe Burdon	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Willm Rokesby	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
	—23*s*. 4*d*.

Jo: Hall am'cyed for evill carrage & words ag[t] William Johnson & the companie vj*d*.

Memorand' that this day It is agreed by and with the full consent of the whole company that a suite shalbe comenced against John Hall and others for buying of severall hydes contrary to severall orders & against the Statute.

Paid by the new wardens Tho: Johnson and Jo: Gouland for Clerk's wages—this last quarter ij*s*.

xxiiij° Jany 1645.

Md That this day William Hugill executor to George Taylor

deceased is by the whole consent of the trade and fraternitie of Tanners within the Citty of Durham admitted a freeman and hath payd for his Admittance & agreem^t^ xviij*d*.

A side meetinge holden in the vestrie of St Margrett in durham by the societie & company of Tanners the second day of May 1645. paid for the Clerk's drinke vj*d*.

A Quarter meetinge holden in the vestrie of St Margrett in durham by the Societie & Company of Tanners the xxiiij^th^ of June. Ao dni 1645.

Absences att the said Meetinge.

We doe Amercy Richard harrison for his absence iii*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: Gibson senior for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: Gibson junior for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Hugh Stott for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho. harrison for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho Lumley for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Raph White for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
William Burdon for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
willm Rokesby for the like iij*s*. iiij*d*.
We doe fyne and Amercy Thomas Gibson the younger for buying of barke over Richard Mathewe his head and which he had pealed the some of xiij*s*. iiij*d*. accordinge to a former order xijj*s*. iiij*d*.
We doe likewise fyne and Amercy William Burdon for buying of barke over Willim Johnson, Edward Rodham, & John Johnsons head contrary to our orders the some of xiij*s*. iiij*d*.
We likewise fyne and Amercy John Hall for buyinge of Barke over Thomas hutchinson als Rennysons head contrary also to our former orders the some of x*s*.
Wee likewise fyne and Amercy Robert Gowland for buyinge 2 severall hydes in the streetes not presented in the Markett vidz one the 7th of June & the other the 21th of June instant for each offence vj. viij*d*. in toto xiij iiij*d*.
Wee likewise fyne and Amercy Richard Harreson for his violent steppinge in twixt William Johnson and some hydes in the markett contrary to former orders the some of vj*s*. viij*d*.

A Quart^r metinge holden in the Western[1] hills the 29th of September 1645 by the Society of Tanners & Barkers within the Citty of Durham.

Absences att this meetinge.

Cuthbert hutchinson for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Rich. Harreson for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Edw: Rodham for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Jo: Richardson for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: Gibson senior for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: Gibson junior	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Heugh Stott for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Rich: Mathewe	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho. harreson	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tho: Lumley	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Raph White for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Mathew Burdon	iii*s*. iiij*d*.
Rob: Gowland	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Jo: Hall	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Tobyas Bayles	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Wm hougill	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

A meteing xxv of Nov. 1645.

Memorand. That Jo: dobbeson sonne of Tho: Dobbeson Late deceased is by the Companie of Barkers & Tanners within the said Citty admitted a free man of the said trade & fraternitie and hath paid for his admittance xviij*d*.

A Quarter meetinge holden in the Vestrie of St Margaretts in durham by the Tanners & Barkers within the Citty of Durham aforesaid the fift day of January 1645.

Am'ciamts.

Raph White for his absence	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
rec 12*d*. William hugill for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
William Burdon	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

We Amercy and fyne Richard harreson for departinge from the companie without Licence xij*d*.

[1] Spelt here "vester", but Western is the only similar name.

Att this meatinge the 5th of Januarii 1645 the said trade doe chose & elect for wardens this yeare followinge:

Wardens	*Stewards*
Edward Rodham	John hall
Nicholas hutchinson	John dobbeson

Memorand' that the said 5th day of Januarii above said It is thought fitt & so ordered by the whole Companie & Societye of Barkers & Tanners within the Citty of Durham that no brother of the said trade & fraternitie shall from henceforth buy any hyde or hydes in any shoppes or elsewhere savinge in the open Markett upon paine of every one so offendinge vi*s*. viij*d*. order for buying hydes

John Richardson	Rob: Gowland
Tho. Hutchinson	Thomas dobeson
Hugh Stott	John Dobinson
Will: Johnson snr.	Heughe Clemmett
John Johnson	Thomas Johnson
John Hall	Nicholas Hutchinson
Rich: Mathew	Jo: Gowland
Will. hugill	Willm Rokesby
William hutchinson	Tho: Harrison
Jo: Liddall	Tobie Bayles
	Simō Crowhall

Att a Quarter meetinge holden in the vestrie of St Margarett's in Durham the 6th of Aprill 1646.

Absent att the said metinge.

John Richardson for his absence	iii*s*. iiij*d*.
Willm Burdon for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
Willm Johnson for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.
John Hall for the like	iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Att this meetinge paid by the said Tho: Johnson & Jo: Gowland to the succeedinge wardens in all 17*s*.

To the Clerke then for wages the same day 2*s*.

At a quarter meeting holden in the Chappell of St Margarett's in Durham the 24th of June 1646.

We doe fyne and amercie John Gowland for buying of Barke from Williā Hugill Contrarie to our orders the sum of 10*s*.

We doe also amercie John Gowland for buying of hids wrongfullie from Edward Rodhā the sum of vj*s*. 8*d*.
Wee doe alsoe amercie the said Jo: Gowland for unreverent speeches v*jd*.

Absences at this meeting.

Tho: Gibson senior	3*s*. 4*d*.	Tho: Lumlie	3*s*. 4*d*.
Tho: Gibson junior	3*s*. 4*d*.	Will. Rouxbie	3*s*. 4*d*.
Rich Matthew	3*s*. 4*d*.		

A quarter meating holden in the vestrye of the Church of Sent Margretts in the Cittye of Durham the 25th day of March being the Ladys day 1647.
Hugh Stott for speaking unreverent words against John Gowland in the presence of the whole company and is fynd for it vi*d*.
We doe mercye Cuthbert Hutchinson for bying of a hyde contrary to the order of the whole companye out of the markett six shillings eight pence vj*s*. viij*d*.

A quarter meeting holden in the vestrye of the Church of Sent Margretts in the Cittye of Durham the 29 of June being John Baptist.
absent whose names are under wrytten.

Cuthbert Hutchinson	Tho: Johnson
Tho: Gibson senior	John Kirkehouse
John Taylor	

A quarter Meeting holden in the vestrye of Sent Margretts in the Cittye of Durham the 29 day of September 1647.
absent.

Tho: Gibson senior	Tho Gibson junior

A quarter meeting holden in the vestrye of St Margretts in the Cittye of Durham the fift of Januarye 1647.

Rich Matthew	3: 4	John Kirkhouse	3: 4
John Gowland	3: 4	Will. Johnson	3: 4
Robert Gowland			

At a Meeting in the vestry of St Marg October 20th.
Memorand' that Symond Snawball is by the Companie of Barkers

and tanners within the sayd Cittye admitted a freeman of the sayd trade and fraternitye and hath paid for his admittance xviii*d.*

A quarter meting holding in the vestry of St Margretts Chapellry[1] the 5th of January 1648.

A quarter meeting holding in the vestry of St Marget's Chapellry the 25 of March 1649.
Memorandum that John Burnip is by the Company of Barkers and Tanners within the sayd Cyttye admitted a Freeman of the sayd trade and fraternitye & hath paid for his admittance 0 1 6

A quarter meting holding in the vestry of St Margretts Chapellry the 25th day of June 1649. Absences at this meeting.

Mr John Richardson for his Absent	0 3 4
Thomas Gibson senior for the like	0 3 4
Thomsa Gibson Junior for the like	0 3 4
Thomas Lumley for the like	0 3 4
William Hugell for the like	0 3 4
John Burnep for the like	0 3 4
We Amersy and fyne John Dobinson for buying a hid the 16th of June 1649	0 6 8
We Amersy and fyne Hugh Stott for buying a hid the 19 of May 1649	0 6 8
We Amersy and fyne william Hugill for buying a hid the 14 of June 1649	0 6 8
We Amersy and fyne Tobis Bayles for towe hides	0 6 8

A quarter meating houlden the twenty ninth of September 1649 in the vestry of St Margret's Chapellry.

We do amercy Thomas Herrison for buying 3 hides contrary to orders	£1 0*s.* 0*d.*
Rec of Hugh Stott and John dabison[2] for there above amercyment	4*s.* 6*d.*
Rec of Cuthbert Hutchinson for his amercyment	12*s.* 6*d.*

[1] Hutchinson early in the nineteenth century speaks of "the Church or chapel of St. Margaret (Hutchinson *Durham* II. 439). He goes on to say that it was a Peculiar belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Durham and formerly a chapel of ease to St. Oswald's, St. Margaret's Chapel.

[2] *dabison* should be *dobinson*.

25th March. 1650 — A quarter meating holden in the vestry the twenty fift of march 1650.

Absence at this above meating. *s. d.*

Tho: Gibson Senior	3 4
Will Hugill	3 4
Thomas Lumley	3 4
Receaved of Tobis Bayles for his Fine	1*s.* 0*d.*

24th June 1650 — A quarter meating holden in the vestry the twenty fourth of June 1650.

29th of Sepr 1650 — A quarter meating holden in the vestry the twenty ninth of September 1650.

Absence.

Thomas Gibson senior	3 4
Thomas Lumley	3 4
Will Rousby	3 4
Rec of Nicholas Shaffeild for his agreement	1*s.* 6*d.*

At the above meating Edward Rodham hath submited himselfe for bidding for a hid contrary to an order.

Also we Amarcy Alderman Richardson for 2 hids buying contrayry to an order 13*s.* 4*d.*

Also we amarcy Simon Snowball for buying of a hide contrary to an order 6*s.* 8*d.*

At the afforesaid meating we choise to be wardens

Willyam Johnson

John Hall

At the same meating we [chose to be stewards

Willyman Hutchinson

John Burnip

Memrandum that Anthony Hutchinson by the Company of Barkers and Tanners within the said Cyttye admitted a Freeman of the said trade and fraternitye and haith paid for his admittance 0 1 6

Memrandum that Nicholas Sheiffeld by the Company of Barkers and Tanners within the said Cyttye admitted a Freeman of the said trade and fraternitye and haith paid for his admittance 0 1 6

Memrandum that Richard Hutchinson by the Company of Barkers and Tanners with in the said Cyttye admitted a Freeman of the said

trade and fraternitye and haith paid for his admittance 0 1 6
Memorandum that william hutchinson by the Company of Barkers and Tanners with in the said Cyttye admitted a Freeman of the said trade and fraternitye and haith paid for his admittance 0 1 6

5th Jan. 1650. A quarter meeting the 5th of January 1650.
Absences

Thomas Lumlye	iij*s.* iiij*d.*		*s. d.*
William Roksbey	iij*s.* iiij*d.*	Rec of Tho Lumley	6 6
William Hugell	iij*s.* iiij*d.*	Rec of Rich. Hutchinson	2 ij

25th of March 1651. the twenty furest (*sic*) of march 1651.
A quarter meating holden in the vestry the twenty fift of march.
Absence.

Tho: Herryson	j*s.*		
Will: Hugil	j*s.*	Rich Matthew	j

Tho: Lumley memorandum he hath submited and have promised 6*s.* 8*d.* this twenty fourth day of June 1651
Aprill the xxijth 1651.
Memorandum that John Richardson by the Company of Barkers and Tanners with in the said Citty admited a freeman of the said traid and fraternyty and hath paid for his admittance 1*s.* 6*d.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

24th June 1651. A quarter meating holden in the vestry the twenty fourth of June 1651.
June the twenty fourth 1651.
Memorandum that Richard Hutchinson sonne of Cuthbert Hutchinson by the consent of the company of Barkers and tanners within the said citty admited a freeman of the said traid and fraternity and hath paid for his admittance 1*s.* 6*d.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

September the 29th 1651.
The 29th of Sept' 1651 A quarter meating holden in the vestry the 29th September.
Absence.

Will. Roxby		John Kirkhouse	
Tho: Herryson	i*s.*	Will: Hugil	i*s.*

At the above meatinge wee amarcy Hugh Stott for unreverent speaches against the wardane Willyam Johnson 6*d.*

Quarter meeting 25th of March 1651.

Wardens	*Stewards*
Will: Johnson	Will: hutcheson
John Hall	John Burnup

Memorandum that upon the 25th of march 1651 it is thought fitt & soe ordered by the whole Companie and Societie of Barkers & Tanners within the Cittie of Durham that noe brother of the saide Traide and Fraturnitie shall from henceforth by any hide or hides in Any shopps or else where saveing in the open markit upon paine that everie one for ofending shall forfitt six shillings eight pence

00*l.* 6*s.* 08*d.* order for buying of hydes

In witness whereof we have heareunto set our hands the day & yeare Above saide[1].

Thomas Hutchinson	John Richardson
Richard Harison	Thomas Lumley
Cuth. Hutchinson	Richard Hutchinson
John Richardson	edw Rodham
Hugh Stott	Richard Mathew
John Lidell	Tho Harreson
Rob: Gowland	John Burnupp
Willm Hutchinson	Nicholas Shaffeild
Willyam Roxby	John Preston
John Kirkhouse	Richard Hutchinson als Trimden
Will: Hutcheson	
John Gowland	Georg: Stobbs
Nicholas Hutchinson	Robt Stevenson
John Dobinson	Thomas Johnson
Simon Snowball	John Talor

5 of January 1651.

The Quarter meeting of the Corporacon of Barkers & Tanners within the Cittie of Durham holden & kept in the Vestery of the Chappell of St Margaret in Durham the fift day of January 1651.

Presente and &c. meeting.

ii*d.* pd. Richard Mathew am'ced by the Corp Sol Gard 25 may 1652 xij*d.*

[1] Nearly all these names are guaranteed by the signature of "T.M." (Thomas Mascall).

ii*d*. pd. Thomas Lumley am'ced &c iij*s*. iiij*d*. xc and xii quos Sol Gard 25 march

ii*d*. pd. Willm Roxby am'ced &c xii*d*. Sol Gard[1] 25 nd'eii 1652

Tho: Harrison am'ced &c.

Md. upon complainte against Willm Hugill for buying ij Hydes in Gilligate comeing to the m'cat contrary to the orders in that Case provided he is am'ced by the Trade xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Pd. Md that whereas John Richardson the younger being presented for buying a Hyde out of the m'cat contrary to the order in that Case provided hath confessed the same & submitted to the Trade, he is am'ced vj*s*. viij*d*. adjudged to xij*d*. which he pd to the ward.

Ordered that it be put in Suite, Md upon Complaint against Nicholas Shaffeild for buying an oxe Hyde out of the open m'cat the 3 of Jan last he is Am'ced by the Company vj viij*d*.

5*s*. pd. Md upon Complaint made against John Gowland for buying five Hydes out of the open m'cat contrary to the order in that Case provided he is am'ced xxxiij*s*. iiij*d*.

25 of March 1652 submiss se et cet ad 5*s*. quos sol. Gard eod. die

Tho^{m} Mascall Clerke

25th of March 1652 — The Quarter meeting of the Societye of the Art & Mistery of Barkers & Tanners of Leather within the Cittye of Durysme Holden & Kept in the vestery of the Chappell of St Margarets in Durham the 25th day of March 1652.

2*s*. 6*d*. pd. M^{d} upon Complainte made against Edward Rodham for buying Hydes out of the m'cat, he is am'ced by the Wardens &c.

2*s*. 6*d*. quos sol Gar eod die

John Teasdayle Apprentice.

M^{d} that John Teasdayle of Steston Howse &c hath Bound himselfe Apprentice unto John Gowland Tanner for the terme of Nyne years from the 20th of March Instant whose Indentures beare date the 19th of March 1651 and hath paid to the Clerke for his Inrolling vj*d*.

Tymothy Wrangham Apprentice.

M^{d} that Tymothy Wrangham of Holmeside, hath Bound himselfe Apprentice unto John Burnupp Tanner for the terme of Nyne yeares from the 4th of September 1651. Whose Indentures bear date the 4th of September 1651 & hath paid to the Clerke for his Inrolling vj*d*.

[1] Paid to the Wardens.

John Preston Freeman.

18*d*. pd al Gard. M^d^ that John Preston the Eldest Sonne of John Preston Tanner deceased By the Society & fraternity of the Art & Mistery & Craft of Barkers & Tanners within the Cittye of Durham is admitted a Freeman of the sd Craft & Society, by his fathers Priviledge according to the ancient custom of the Sd Society & hath paid for his admittances xviij*d* & to the Clerke vj*d*. 3*s*. 4*d*. Md that whereas it is made appeare to the Society that Thomas Wills als Ellerington svt to Mr John Richardson Tanner hath bought a Bull hyde betwixt Mart & Xrmas out of the m'cat (in Framwelgate) on the m'cat day it is Ordered that he be Indicted & the Ma^r^ amerced 6*s*. 8*d*. who submitted & adjudged to pay—iij iiii*d*.—quos p'miss sol xx^th^—sess . . . Societat' &c vel ante etc. Thomas Mascall, Cl.

24th of June 1652 — The Quarter meeting of the Society of the Art & Mistery of Barkers & Tanners of Leather within the Cittye of Durham Holden & Kept the Vestery of the Chappell of St Margarets in Durham the 24th of June 1652.

Absents at the meeting &c.

12*d*. Richard Matthews am'ced by the Company (by agreemt) xij*d*.

2*d*. paid. Thomas Lumley am'ced by the Company (by agreemt) xij*d*.

2*d*. paid. William Roxby am'ced by the Company (by agreemt) xij*d*.

Vac. Md that whereas Richard Hutchinson the Elder is taxed by the Society for buying a Hyde out of the m'cat hee refusing to submitt to the trade therein is am'ced by the Company vj*s*. viij*d*. & ordered that the same shall be put in Suite vi*s*. viij*d*.

xij*d*. Soe the meeting the 29th of 9ber (52) 2*s*. 5*d*. pd for this. Md that Richard Hutchinson the elder is am'ced by the Company for abusing the Trade & Clerke by uncivill speaches. xij*d*.

Geo Man Apprentice.

Vac. memorand' that George Man Son of George Man of Brasseside hath put him selfe appr'ntice unto Edward Rodham Tanner for the terms of Nyne yeares from the five & twentieth day of March 1652 whose Indentures weare dated the same day & hath paid to the Clerke for his Inrolling vj*d*.

The Indentures by the Request of two parties are Cancelled and the said Edward Rodham at Liberty to take a new apprentice if he please &c. this 5th day of January 1652.
Thomas Mascall, Cl.

12th Aug. 1652 (*sic*).

A Syde Meeting of the Society & Fraternity of the Art Mistery & Craft of Barkers & Tanners of Leather within the Cittye of Durham Holden and Kept in the vestery of the Chappell of St Margarets in Durham the twelft day of August In the yeare of our Lord 1652.

Assessment for a Suite &c.

Md that at this meeting it is agreed by the generall consent of the Fraternity that an Assessment shall be forthwith collected & Levied of the Freemen of the said Society for & towards the charge in triall of a sute for the said Society against Nicholas Shaffeild one of the said Fraternity as followeth, namely

Tho: Hutchinson als Rennyson	vj*d*.	William Hugill	xii*d*.
Richard Harrison	xij*d*.	John Dobbinson	xij*d*.
John Richardson Ald.	xij*d*.	Williā Hutchinson Sen.	vi*d*.
Edward Rodham	xij*d*.	Symon Snawball	vj*d*.
Williā Johnson	xij*d*.	John Burnopp	xij*d*.
Nicholas Hutchinson	xij*d*.	Anthony Hutchinson	vj*d*.
John Hall	xij*d*.	Nicholas Shaffeild	xij*d*.[1]
John Gowland	xij*d*.	Richard Hutchinson eld.	xij*d*.
John Johnson	xij*d*.	William Hutchinson young.	vi*d*.
Hugh Stott	xij*d*.	John Richardson young.	xij*d*.
John Kirkehoust	xij*d*.	Richard Hutchinson young.	xij*d*.
John Liddell	vj*d*.	John Preston	vi*d*.
John Taylor	vj*d*.	Willm Rooxbye	xij*d*.
Richard Mathew	xij*d*.	Elivenor Gibson widd.	xij*d*.
Thomas Lumley	xij*d*.	John Stott	xij*d*.
Robert Gowland	xij*d*.	John Johnson the eldr	vi*d*.

Robert Reed Apprentice.

Md that Robert Reed sonne of Richard Reed of Shotton hath put himselfe apprentice to John Johnson the younger Tanner for the

[1] Nicholas Sheffield seems to have subscribed towards a suit against himself.

terme of Nyne yeares from the twenty fourth day of June 1652 whose Indentures beare date the same day & hath paid to the Clerke for his Inrolling. vi*d.*

John Johnson Apprentice.

Md that John Johnson sonne of John Johnson the Elder Tanner hath put himselfe apprentice to his said father for the time of Nyne yeares from the twenty fourth day of June 1652 whose Indentures beare date the same day, & hath paid to the Clerke for his Inrolling vi*d.*

Tho^{m} Mascall, Cl.

29th of Sept 1652 — The Quarter Meeting of the Society of the Art Mistery & Craft of Barkers & Tanners of Leather within the Cittye of Durham & Framw: Holden & Kept in the vestery of the Chappell of St Margarets in Durham the 29th day of September Ao Dni 1652.

Absents &c.

John Gowland for not appearing at this Meeting is am'ced xij*d.* 12*d.*, 12*d.*, 12*d.* Richard Mathew, Thomas Lumley & Willm Roxby am'ced xij*d.* a peece. tot iij*s.*

Robt Stevenson a freeman xviij*d.* sol Gard.

M^{d} that Robert Stevenson late Apprentice of John Gowland is admitted by the Society of Barkers & Tanners &c to be a freeman of the said Society & hath paid for his admittance vj*d.* for the Clerke xviij*d.*

Richard Hutchinson the Elder fined &c 2*s* 3*d.* pd to the Gard.

Md Richard Hutchinson the Elder hath submitted himself for the sute depending against him & the Charges thereof &c in the Burrough Court at Durhā & thereupon the Society have adjudged him to pay 2*s.* 3d. which John Burnopp hath Ingaged to pay ii*s.* iij*d.*

John Gowland.

Md upon Complainte by John Hall one of the Wardens &c. against John Gowland for the unlawfull buying of a White hyde 18th of Sept. 1652 in the open m'kat of Durham out of the hands of the said John Hall being then contracting with the owner of the said hyde for the same, against a former order in that case provided

It is ordered that the same shall be putt in suite if the said John Gowlands shall not submitt (att or before the next meeting) for the same vi*s*. viij*d*.

Wardens and Searchers chosen.

Md. at the said Meeting Nicholas Hutchinson & John Johnson are by the comon assent of the Bretheren & Freemen of the said Society Elected & chosen to the offices of Wardens & Searchers of the said Society for one whole yeare now next ensuing.

Stewards chosen &c.

Richard Hutchinson the younger & John Preston are at this meeting chosen Stewards of the said Society for a year &c.

Old Wardens and Searchers	Hugh Stott
William Johnson	Robt Cowlam
John hall	Jo. Johnson
Will. Hutcheson	John Burnupp
John Richardson	John Dobinson
Tho^{m} Mascall Cl.	Richard Hutchinson
John Richardson	John Preston
Edward Rodham	Anth. Hutchinson
John Kirkhouse	Richard Atkinson

5th of Jan 1652 The Quarter Meeting of the Society of the Art, Mistery & Craft of Barkers & Tanners of Leather within the Cittye of Durham & Framwelgate Holden & Kept in the Vestery of the Chappell of St Margarets' in Durham the 5th day of January 1652.

The Wardens and Searchers	*Stewards*
Nicholas Hutchinson	Rich Hutchinson jun
John Johnson	Jo: Preston

Absents.

12*d*. Richard Mathew am'ced for his absence xij*d*.
12*d*. Thomas Lumley am'ced for his absence xij*d*.
12*d*. Willm Roxby am'ced for his absence xij*d*.

Wardens Accompt.

Md Edward Rodham & Nicholas Hutchinson have accompted for the tyme they were Wardens of this Society & are discharged of their Accompt.

Wardens Accompt.

Md. at this Meeting William Johnson & John Hall the last Wardens & Searchers have made their Accompt of the tyme they have bene Wardens of the said Society & there Rests to pay them upon that Accompt the sume of six shillings & five pence.

John Kirkhouse.

Md that Edward Rodham hath accused John Kirkhouse for buying an oxe Hyde out of the m'cat at Durham about a Moneth since & thereupon hee is fyned vi*s*. viij*d*. & ordered to be served.

Edward Rodham.

Md. John Kirkhouse hath accused Edward Rodham for buying of a Beaste Hyde out of the open m'cat about Mart Last of one George Lax, & thereupon is fyned vi*s*. viiij*d*.

Tho: Ellerington.

Whereas John Kirkhouse & John Gowland have complayned against Thomas Wills als Ellerington for buying three Hydes of Nichol Ladler out of the m'cat & thereupon is ordered to be Indicted. It was about Mart. Last.

Tho^m^ Mascall Cl.

Apprentice order.

It is this day ordered that every Apprentice of the said Society shall at all tymes hereafter demeyne & behave themselfes decently & reverently towards every freeman of the said Society in giving them due reverence & respect in passing by them or otherwise, upon payne that the Master of such Apprentice who shall be Carelesse or Negligent in performance herof to forfeit to the Wardens & Searchers &c to the use of the said Society iij*s*. iiij*d*.

vj*d*. pd. Upon the Complaint of John Preston against Nichol Shaffeild for buying a Hyde out of his hand &c hee submitted & fyned vj*d*. pd al Gard.

Edw Rodham.

Upon complaint of Nicholas Shaffeild & John Kirkhouse against Edward Rodham for buying two Hydes, vizt the one out of Nicholas Shaffeilds hand & the other out of John Kirkhouse's hands in the open m'cat in Durham about a Fortnight before Christmas.

It is Ordered that hee be fyned for that offence for each Hyde.

Tho: Johnson Freeman

Md that Thomas Johnson late Apprentice to Willm Johnson is

admitted by the Society of Barkers & Tanners &c to bee a Freeman of the said Society & hath paid for his admittance to the Society xviii*d*. & to the Clerk 6*d*. xviij*d*.
Recd for this Quarter ij*s*.
Tho^{m} Mascall Cl.

15th of October 1653.

Md that John Richardson the elder Tanner haith taken to himself George Richardson his sonne as his Apprentice for Nyne yeares from this pn'te day as by his Indentures thereof made bearing datt the same day appeareth. this entered here as a Memorand either to sue &c or to confirme &c.

Decimo die Januarii Ao dni 1625.

It is ordeyned assented and agreed upon the day and yere above said by the whole company That noe steward shall from henceforth warne any brother of the occupacon to any meeting or meetings for the good of the said Craft by his man or any other person for him, but by himselfe onely upon paine of forfeiting to the Bpp of durham for every default Twenty Shillings. And other Twenty Shillings to the use of the Occupac̄on.

Octavo die Januarii 1627.

It is ordeyned assented and agreed upon the day and yeare abovesaid by generall consent that everie man shall from henceforth inrolle everie Apprentice that he shall att any time hereafter take before the Wardens. And that within the space of one month next after any such Apprentice his enterance And his Indentures to be made by the Clerke of the trade upon paine of forfeiture for everie such default xx*s*. to the Bp of durham And other xx*s*. to the use of the occupac̄on.

November the xxii 1628.

At a general meating on the Sands the day and yeare above said by the generall consent of the whole Company that all such as have taking any apprentaces senc the order above wreten that they shall with in on munth next ensuing com and in rowle there prentases in the booke uppon pane for every such defet xx*s*. to the busha of Durham and other xx*s*. to the use of the occupac̄on and that no

man hereafter shall take any Apprenta but that he shall Cum and in rowle him in the bouke uppo pane of the fine above writen.

February xxviith Anno dni 1611.
It was consented assented & agreed upon by the most pte of the said fellowshipp that if their be any man of the said fellowshipp that haith any barke in custom for the satesfiinge of his oune occupie shall keepe it without eyther seekinge for, molesting or offering to buy any such barke so beinge in custome of any of the said company. Provided alwaies that the owner of any such barke in custome, shall dispose soe much as is more then will satisfie his own occupie that yeare to the most needfull of the said fellowshipp att the discrẽtion of fower of the said company indeferent men, with the two wardens for the time beinge. And that noe man of the said copany shall offer or bid any money for any barke soe in custome to hinder or hurte any person or persons having any such barke upon paine of everie default to the breakers hereof to pay Fortye Shillings to the Bpp of durham & other Fortie Shillings to the occupacon.

A paine continewed which was laid att a meeting holden the xvth of January Anno dni 1612. That no free man of the fraternitie of Barkers & Tanners within the Cittie of Durham from henceforth shall hauke upp & downe in the Countrie for to buy any hids contrarye to the Statute in that case provided but that the said hids may be brought & presented in the Markett their to be sould upon paine of everie one offending therein to pay.
A paine continewed which was maide in the said yeare that if any brother of the fraternitie of Barkers & Tanners above said doe buy any such hids as aforesaid the same being p'ved against him or them they shall forfite for everie such offence.
A paine continewed which was laide the 29 of december 1613 by the consent of the whole occupaion of Barkers & Tanners that if it should hereafter happen that any of the fellowshipp within this Cittie do take apprentice & be not able to work him att the time of his entrie thereunto &c It was be like consent agreed upon that noe brother of the said fellowshipp should take & set to worke the said apprentice so taken without the consent of the two wardens for

the time being & the most of the said fellowshipp upon paine of everie such default to pay vi*li.* 13*s.* iiij*d.*

March the 25th Anno dom 1642.
It was condiscended assented and agreed upon by the whole consente of the said Fellowshipp. That if their be any man of the said fellowshipe shall hereafter be absent from any of our meetinges either quarter meetinges or side meetinges shall pay those taxes and fines which shall be imposed upon them by the said fellowshipe, and whereas divers of the said Fellowshipe doe excuse themselves in regard that they have noe benefit by the said trade the company doth fully consent and agree that those that doe alleadge that they have noe benefit of the said trade If they shall hereafter trade shall pay all taxes & paines as shall be imposed hereafter upon them.

Quinto die Januarii 1645.
A place for Inrollinge Apprentices.
Memorand That John Ramshawe sonne of Peter Ramshawe hath bound himself apprentice with John Hall of the Cittye of durham Tanner for the tearme of Nyne yeares, whose Indentures beares date the fift day of January above written. And hath paid for his Inrollment vj*d.*

The sixt of Aprill 1646.
Memorand That Tho: Pearson sonne of Ann Pearson of Ferry hill widowe hath bounde himselfe apprentice unto Robert Gowland for the tearme of Nyne yeares from the 5th of January last past whose Indentures beares date the third of February as by the same appeareth.
Memorand that henry Kirkehouse sonne of Thomas Kirkehouse of Ferry hill hath putt him selfe apprentice unto John Kirkehouse of the Citty of Durham Tanner for the tearme of Nyne yeares whose Indentures beares date the xth of March 1645 from the feast of Pentecost then last past as by the same appeareth.
Memorand that Thomas Halton sonne to Ann Halton widdow of Jollyebodye[1] hath put himselfe apprentice unto Thomas Dobbeson

[1] Jollyebodye was the name of a person, e.g. Ralph Jolibody, whose lands at Edmundbyers were inspected by a jury in 1370. [*Arch. Ael.*, Ser. 2, vol. 22, p. 99.] Probably Jolibie, a hamlet of the lordship of Croft is meant. [*Arch. Ael.*, 3rd S. 7, pp. 42, 117, 189, 192, 195 and 221.]

of the Cittye of Durham tanner for the tearme of Nyne yeares whose Indentures beares dayte the eight and twenty day of Aprill 1646 and hath payd for his Enrowling vi*d*.

Memorand that John Readshaw sonne of John Readshaw of Pedams oake[1] hath put him selfe an apprentice unto Hugh Stott of the Cyttie of Durham tanner for the tearme of Nyne yeares whose Indentures beares date the sixt of december 1646 and hath paid for his Enrolling vi*d*.

Memorand that John Hutchinson sonne of Hugh Hutchinson in the Cittye of Durham draper hath put himselfe an apprentice unto Nicholas Hutchinson of the Citty of Durham tanner for the tearme of Nyne yeares whose Indentures beares daite the twenty third of March 1646 and hath payd for his Enrowling vi*d*.

Memorand that lleanart Shele of Acton hath pout him selfe an apprentice unto John Richardson of the Citty of Durham tanner for the tearme of Nyne yeares whose Indentures beares daite the 2th of February 1646 and hath payd for his Inrowling vi*d*.

Memorand that Thomas Watson sonne to Willi Watson of Haswell on the hill hath put himselfe an prentice to Thomas Harryson of the Citty of Durham Tanner for the tearme of Nine whole yeares whose Indentures beares daite the 2 of february 1646 and hath payd for his Enrowling 6*d*.

Other entries follow all on the same pattern.

George Wilbourne, apprenticed to Tobias Bayles, date of indentures Nov 9 1646

Raph Hall, son of Willyam Hall, to Thomas Gibson the younger, of Hilton, Feb. 2nd 1649

James Browne, to Richard Mathewe of Great ouswuth (Usworth) Dec 30th 1649

Secundo die Maij 1645.

Memorand' That whereas there is Barke now to fall in Bearparke this present Sapp tyme wee whose names hereunder subscribed beinge freemen of the Companie of the Tanners within the Citty of

[1] *Pedams Oak*. The name of Pethumeslake, Pethmoshake or Pethmosak. A manor in the western part of the Burnhope valley, near Edmundbyers. In the fourteenth century the Master of Sherburn Hospital held it. N. Soc. Ant. Proc. series 2, vol. 8, p. 203. *Arch Ael.*, series 2, vol. 22, pp. 92 and 98.

Durham doe hearcby Declare that we will god willinge stand to so much proporc̄on of the said Barke as shall amounte unto the somes by us hearin & hearby acknowledged. Witnesseth our severall hands & somes hereunto the day & yeare above written

Cuth hutchinson	vj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*	Thomas Dobbison Junior	x*li.*
Hugh Stott	v*li.*	John Kirkhouse	v*li.*
John Gowland	v*li.*	John Richardson	x*li.*
Robert Gowland	v*li.*	John Hall	x*li.*
Nicholas Hutchinson	10*li.*	Tobyas Bayles	v*li.*

Whereas it is agreed upon by the whole Corporation that Tobias Bayles hath condecended that upon the next quarter meeting, that he will give an answer of keeping his prentice now taken before the tim of the other prentice expired according to the order of the whole Corporation.

Quinto die January 1643.

The names of those persons as do now trade within this Citty & Corporation beinge of the Company & Societie of Tanners.[1]

Thomas hutchinson als Rennison		× William Burdon	
× George Taylor *mortuus*		Nicholas Hutchinson	
× Cuthbert hutchinson *mort*		Thomas Johnson	
Richard harryson		Thomas harrison	
Edward Rodham		Thomas Lumley for his absence	3*s.* 4*d.*
John Richardson Sen.		William Johnson	
× Thomas Gibson Senior		John Gowland	
× Thomas Dobbison Junior	*mort*	Raph White	
× Thomas Gibson Junior		Mathew Burdon *mort*	
George Stobbs		Robert Gowland	
Yeugh Stott		John Johnson Junior	
John Taylor		John Kirkehouse	
John Liddall		William Rokesby	
John Johnson Sen.		× John Dobbyson Senior	
× Thomas Reede *mortuus*		John Hall	
Richard Mathewe		Tho: dobbeson Junior	
		× Tobias Bayles	

[1] Some names on this list are crossed off. These are marked above with a cross. If not also marked "mortuus" it may be taken that they are no longer in business at Durham.

Willm Hugill
John dobbeson als Jacke
× Will. Burdon
Henry Clemett
Will: Hutchinson junior
Simon Snawball
John Burnop
Anthony Hutchinson
Nicholas Sheffeild als Trimdon
Richard Hutchinson sen.
William Hutchinson Junior
John Richardson Junior
Richard Hutchinson Junr
× Tho: Lumley ab.
John Preston
Robt Stevenson
× Elioner Gibson widd
married Robt Atkinson
Thomas Johnson
Robt Atkinson

Memorandum that will: Johnson hath brought in an indenture dated the first of August 1657 wherein Robert Newby stands bound to him to serve as an apprentice for nine yeares from the said day and hath paid the clarke 6*d*.

A place for enrollinge of apprentices.[1]

John Gowlands
App. to William Johnson. Indentures dated March 13th 1629.
Robert Haswell
App. to Thomas dobinson. Indentures dated May 28th 1630.
Stephen Kitchen
App. to John Taylor. Indentures dated Aug. 4th 1629.
Matthew Burdon
App. to Christopher Rodham. Indentures dated Nov. 24th 1629.
John Stott
App. to Hugh Stott (his brother). Indentures dated September 30th 1630.
Roger Wandye
App. to John Richardson. Indentures dated May 3rd 1628.
Robert Gowland
App. to Richard Huntley. Indentures dated Feb. 25th 1630.
Arthur Hutchinson
App. to Anthony Hutchinson. Indentures dated Nov. 26th 1631.
John Johnson
App. to James Chester. Indentures dated April 2nd 1632.
John dobeson
App. to Nicholas Cominge. Indentures dated April 10th 1632.
George Wandie

[1] These entries are in common form and need not be given in full.

App. to John Robinson thelder. Indentures dated July 1st 1632.

John Emmerson

App. to George Craggs the younger. Indentures dated Sept. 29th 1632.

John Craggs

App. to George Craggs (his father). Indentures dated Feb. 6th 1626.

Henry Clement

App. to Nicholas Richardson. Indentures dated June 24th 1633.

John Kirkhouse

App. to Tho: Johnson. Indentures dated July 14th 1633.

Robert Porter

App. to John Preston. Indentures dated Nov. 9th 1633.

William Rokesbey

App. to Thomas Gibson (of Hilton). Indentures dated Jan 5th 1633.

Robert hurdman

App. to Richard Harreson. Indentures dated March 25th 1634.

[1]Thomas dobinson

App. to Thomas dobinson. Indentures dated April 2nd 1635.

John Hall

App. to Thomas Reed. Indentures dated August 6th (1635?).

Tobie Bailes

App. to William Hutchinson. Indentures dated Nov. 16th 1635.

Tho: Smith

App. to Robert Maddison (of Birtley). Indentures dated Nov. 10th 1637.

William Hewgell

App. to George Taylor. Indentures dated Aug. 1st 1638.

John Pearson

App. to Thomas Gibson junr (of Hilton). Indentures dated Sept. 29th 1641.

Nicholas Shaffeild

App. to Thomas Johnson. Indentures dated Sept. 29ts 1641.

Anthonie Hutchinson

App. to John Johnson. Indentures dated Octob. 18th 1641.

[1] Up to this point they all paid fourpence for enrolment. After this the fee is sixpence.

John Burnet
App. to Richard Huntley. Indentures dated May 1st 1640.
Richard Hutchinson
App. to William Johnson. Indentures dated Oct 18th 1641.
Christopher Maultbey
App. to John Taylor. Indentures dated Nov. 11th 1641.
Robert Stevenson
App. to John Gowland. Indentures dated Septr. 4th 1643.
John Symon
App. to Thomas Gibson (of Hilton). Indentures dated Sept. 29th 1643.

Thomas Hutchinson fil. Cuth ab
Nicholas Comyn
Thomas Hut al. Ranison
George Taylor ab
Cuthbert Hutchinson
Richard Harrison ab
Robert Rennison
Thomas Hutchinson fil: Thom
Lionell Carnabey
Edward Rodham
John Richardson ab
Nicholas Richardson
John Hutchinson
Thomas Gibson senior
Thomas Dobbinson Senior
Thomas Gibson iunior
John Johnson Senior
James Taylor
[1]Hugh Stot 13 Nov: 1643. ab: 12*d*.
John Taylor ab 2
George Clarke ab
John Liddle
Thomas Reade
Timothie Harrison
Richard Mathew
William Burdon ab
Nicholas Hutchinson
Thomas Johnson ab
Thomas Harrison
Thomas Lumley ab 2
William Johnson
William Hutchinson *mortuus*
Gregory Hutchinson *mortuus*
John Gowland
Ralph White
John Stote
Mathew Burdon ab
Robert Gowland
John Johnson junior ab
Robert Hurdman
John Kirkhouse
Henry Clemett
William Rokesby
Willm Hutchinson

[1] Many of the names on this list are marked "ab", as though it had been used as a register. This is the only entry with a fine attached and this is the only date given.

March 1655.

A Syde Meeting of the Society of the Mistery & Craft of Barkers & Tanners of Leather within the Citty of Durham & Framwelgate holden & Kept within the vestery house of St Margaretts in Durham the xvijjth day of March 1655.

Absent.

M^{d} absent at this meeting when the booke was called but appeared after.

Anthony Hutchinson	p^{d} 12*d*. & all pardoned
George Wilburne	p^{d} 12*d*. & all pardoned
John Burnopp	p^{d} 12*d*. & all pardoned
John Johnson	p^{d} 12*d*. & all pardoned

M^{d} Absent at this meeting during all the meetinge.

John Taylor

Wm Hutchinson Sen.

Huntley.

M^{d} that Richard Huntley having paid downe vi*s*. viij*d*. for his fyne imposed upon him at the last meetinge, hath submitted himselfe to the Society for the same (being called) hee is pardoned by the Society thereof to iij*s*. iiij*d*. pd.

Md. that at this meeting Robert Stephenson hath Complayned against Richard Huntley for the unlawfull buying of a hyde out of his hand, which being moved to the trade at the request of Richard Harrison hee is therefore pardoned.

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